

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Crime & Justice

THE addresses by the Hon. the Chief Justice and the Hon. acting Attorney General at yesterday's ceremonial opening of the 1956 Assizes emphasized three things: (1) we haven't a sufficient number of magistrates and magistrates; (2) we haven't enough district courts and judges to sit in them; (3) we still need more tenancy tribunals to cope with current demands.

It is a challenging situation and one demanding not only close attention, but action. Unfortunately the desiderata is easy to propound, but not so simple to realise. Nevertheless, it was the note of determination struck by the Chief Justice that "something must be done." We trust that he and the acting Attorney General will receive active, as well as sympathetic, Government support in their quest to improve the existing situation.

That more courts and qualified dispensers of justice are required is self-evident, for it is not merely that the present magistrates and district court judges are overburdened, but it is difficult for them to ensure, what Mr. Hooten describes as "swift, but unimpaired justice." The danger today is that in some cases justice, by force of circumstances, becomes belated, and at the same time hurried.

IT would appear that the Financial Secretary, when preparing his 1956-57 budget, will need to give earnest consideration to the provision of funds for the construction of additional courts and the employment of more judges and magistrates. A five-year plan may be required. Certainly it is not a problem to be tackled in a haphazard manner.

The magistrates are overwhelmed because of the steady increase in petty crime and technical offences—a factor which must be causing as much concern to the Police as it is to the legal department. It is something which immediately raises the question of crime prevention in Hongkong.

It is easy enough to declare that much of the petty crime which afflicts the Colony is preventable, yet any thinking person would hesitate to suggest that the Police are lacking efficiency in this direction. The cold truth is that the public are very largely to blame for much of the small-time crime.

WHEN, for example, a car owner leaves his unattended vehicle parked with doors unlocked or a window open he is obviously encouraging the quick-fingered pilferer to do something about it; the burgling of domestic premises is stimulated by the refusal of the occupants to apply every reasonable precaution against house-breakers; many women who are victims of snatchers carry their handbags in a manner inviting trouble. The Police, undoubtedly, have a responsibility in trying to prevent crime, and perhaps rather more attention could be paid to this part of their heavy and exacting work. But it is easier to catch a thief than to anticipate his evil design, and it is the general public who can do most in the preventive line.

If crime here can be reduced through preventive action the courts and magistrates will become less burdened. But as it cannot be assumed there will be any spectacular results from this direction, Government, and particularly the Treasury, must realise the urgent necessity of providing more courts, more justices, and more magistrates.

JORDAN WILL NOT JOIN

BAGHDAD PACT

Premier's
Declaration
NO NEW ALLIANCES

Amman, Jan. 9. Samir Rifai, head of a new Jordan Government formed today after weekend riots, said in a statement tonight: "I wish to announce to all that my policy is not to join any new alliances."

There have been widespread riots recently against the British move to bring Jordan into the anti-Communist Baghdad defence pact.

Following these riots, King Hussein dissolved parliament. New disturbances broke out last week when the constitutional council ruled that he had acted illegally in ordering the dissolution.

The new Premier's statement expressed deep regret for the upheavals and asked the people to co-operate in restoring public safety and normal life so that the government could tackle its big problems.

The Basic Factor

"We shall keep strengthening good and brotherly relations with all the Arab states, seeing that the unity of the Arab nations is the basic factor in our life and the security of our existence."

The statement said: "I assumed responsibility today after a period of unrest, and after asking the public to continue their normal life, added 'my government is proud to have the royal confidence and is well aware of the public claims and the nation's interests.'

"It will submit a government statement to the lower house, in accordance with the constitution, explaining its foreign and interior policy."

The Premier also said: "The Palestine problem is our great question, and we shall confidently work until we achieve complete Arab rights."—Reuters.

Thai Police Force
To Be Abolished

Bangkok, Jan. 9. The Thai police force of 42,000 men, including paratroopers, armoured car units, and marine police units, will be abolished by the end of 1956, it was rumoured here today.

The measure is part of the government's economy drive.

A new plan for effective co-operation between the army and the police is reportedly being drafted. The Thai police pay scale is three times higher than the army pay scale.—France-Press.

Earth Tremors
Cause Panic

Acapulco, Mexico, Jan. 9. More than 5,000 tourists have abandoned this fashionable seashore resort in a near panic because of a series of earth tremors that have jolted it in the past 24 hours, city Mayor Carlos Vialva said today.

He said that the effects of the quakes beginning on Sunday morning had been "badly exaggerated." He explained that of 35 persons treated for injuries, only one was in a serious condition.

Most of the injuries, the Mayor said, were sustained by panic crowds stampeding out of night clubs and hotels. A headwaiter at the Rocamar night club who tried to prevent patrons from leaving until they had paid their bills was badly trampled.

Several new trembles were felt today.—United Press.

ITALIAN QUAKE

Taranto, Jan. 9. An earth tremor rocked wide areas of Southern Italy today, causing considerable damage and injuring two persons.

Back To Front
Was Just As
Effective

New York, Jan. 9. Designer Paul Parnes came up today with a dress so versatile that even he was surprised.

A model who displayed his creations at the New York Dress Institute's annual showing was applauded roundly when she appeared in a navy blue wool dress with a low neck and a big bow in front with a high look at the back.

Parnes looked in amazement. Then he told the audience they might like the dress even better if it were not worn back to front.

The blushing model fled to her dressing room, reversed the dress and came back much more demurely clad. The low V-neck was in the back. The bow, which had hung at her bosom, was between her shoulder blades, as Parnes had planned. The neckline was high in front.—United Press.

Rainier-Kelly Wedding
VERSION 1 VERSION 2

Monte Carlo, Jan. 9. Prince Rainier III and American movie queen Grace Kelly will be married in Monaco, the palace office joyfully announced tonight.

The one-sentence announcement apparently meant that both the civil and religious ceremonies will be held at Monte Carlo.

Gabriel Olivier, General Commissioner for Tourism and Information, hurriedly summoned newsmen to his tiny office to make the announcement after conferring with the director of the palace office.

Olivier did not mention any date.

"The marriage will be celebrated in Monaco," he said shortly, and then shook his head at all further questions.—United Press.

New Luxury Hotel:
Hilton's Men
Coming To Colony

New York, Jan. 9. Executives of the Hilton Hotel chain said today they will visit Hongkong "for the express purpose of discussing plans for a new luxury hotel there."

John Houser, executive vice-president of Hilton Hotels International, and Rugg Purpus, publicity director for the hotel chain, will leave New York on Jan. 20 on a flying tour through Asia and the Middle East which will take them to Hongkong, Honolulu, Tokyo, Manila, Sydney, Melbourne, Jakarta, Singapore, Bangkok, Bombay, New Delhi, Karachi, Baghdad and then to Cairo and Istanbul to inspect the new Hilton hotels in those latter two cities.

Purpus said that "Hongkong is definitely on our list. We are going there for the express purpose of discussing plans for a new luxury hotel there."—United Press.

SECURITY COUNCIL
CALLED TO ACTION

United Nations, Jan. 9. The United Nations Security Council was summoned tonight to discuss the festering Palestine situation on Thursday morning.

The United States, Britain and France were expected to present a resolution expressing strong censure of Israel for an attack last Dec. 11 on a Syrian outpost on the western shore of the biblical Sea of Galilee.

But the Council was not expected to accede to Syria's demand that Israel be expelled from the UN for aggression and "persistent violation of the Charter" and that economic sanctions be levelled against the young Jewish state, thus cutting off its financial aid from abroad.

There was a possibility, however, that the Council order Israel to pay indemnities to the families of the eight civilians among the 56 killed in the incident.

Syria demanded sanctions and Israel's expulsion when the Council first considered the Galilee flare-up on Dec. 16. The 11-nation group, after receiving a full report from Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, UN Palestine trustee supervisor, heard both sides again on Dec. 22 and adjourned with an injunction to the two governments to keep the peace during the Christmas holiday.

General Burns' original report found Israel guilty of a "deliberate violation" of the 1949 truce agreement and warned that "such actions may well produce a violent reaction by the forces of the attacked country and what had been conceived as a limited raid develops into full-scale hostilities."

In a later report, Burns, while softening none of his criticisms of Israel, said Syria also had violated the

ANGLO-US CONFLICT
OF INTERESTS

Washington, Jan. 9. British and United States officials will study plans for joint economic aid planning in the Middle East in talks beginning on Thursday, informed sources said today.

Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, British expert on Middle Eastern affairs is due here from London on Wednesday. It is expected he will launch immediate conferences with high ranking State Department officials in preparation for the Washington visit of Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, on January 30.

Most of Mr. Shuckburgh's conversations will be with Mr. George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern affairs.

Both United States and British authorities in touch with preparations for Sir Anthony's pending talks with President Eisenhower and Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, are agreed that the emphasis of the "summit" talks would be on Middle Eastern planning.

The British and United States leaders, it was understood, would formulate plans with emphasis on economic and com-

mercial aspects in an effort to bring stability to the troubled Arab-Israeli scene and thus check Soviet penetration of the area.

Present plans for the talks also called for consultations on the Far East with an appraisal of the chances of a military adventure by Communist China in the Formosa Straits in the months ahead.

THE EMBARGO

One usually well-informed source said the British Prime Minister would ask the United States to agree to relaxation of the list of goods which can be traded with Communist China.

The British view was understood to be that the trade embargo imposed on China during the Korean War was aimed at meeting a military situation which no longer existed. Now China might be encouraged to refrain from military activity if trade restrictions were eased.

High ranking United States officials said that President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles would almost certainly reject this proposition if it were put forward.

PRESSING PROBLEMS

Among the pressing troubles on which Mr. Shuckburgh and Mr. Allen will attempt to eradicate conflict of interests between their two nations in advance of the higher level talks are:

1. The threat of full-scale war between Israel and her Arab neighbours.
2. The mobilisation of United States interests in Jordan following failure on an attempt to attach Jordan to the anti-Communist group in the Middle East.
3. Reported Iraqi and Pakistani dissatisfaction with military aid from the United States and Britain.
4. Egypt's impatience with the Western powers and apparent inclination towards closer trade and economic ties with the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Mr. Dulles in his two-day conferences in camera with congressional foreign affairs committees last week said that the United States at present had no plans to join the Baghdad Pact, the defensive alliance linking Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, Britain and Iran.

A DULLES IDEA

It was Mr. Dulles who envisaged such a pact in his 1953 swing through the theatre.

"The United States is not a member but maintains permanent military and civilian observers at all meetings of the pact members and has voiced formal support."

Britain would like to see the United States enter into full membership, but once again conflict of interests—the fear of angering powerful groups in the United States during election year, and further estranging Egypt—has held Washington back.—Reuters.

DESERTER BACK

Berlin, Jan. 9. A British soldier, who deserted into the Soviet zone of Berlin in March, 1954, has returned to West Berlin and given himself up to the British authorities, it was officially announced from British Army headquarters today.

The soldier, K.M. Donnell, gave himself up on January 7. With him were his German wife and child. He was placed under arrest pending an inquiry.—France-Press.

PLANE HITS
HOUSE

St John's, Newfoundland, Jan. 9. A United States Air Force T-33 jet trainer crashed into a house at Outer Cove today near here, killing one airman. The plane crashed shortly after taking off from Torbay. The weather was bad with visibility practically zero. The trainer crashed into a house occupied by the Utter family. It demolished the house but the three occupants at home at the time escaped injury. The plane carried across a field, over a cliff and into the sea in flames.

The plane was en route from Torbay to Harmon Field on the west coast of Newfoundland. — United Press.

Harding &
Makarios
Meet Again

Nicosia, Jan. 9.

Sir John Harding, British Governor of Cyprus, and Archbishop Makarios, the union with Greece leader, talked for two hours 20 minutes here tonight behind locked doors and barbed wire barricades and agreed to meet again soon.

An official statement afterwards said: "Governor Harding and Archbishop Makarios met this evening. After an exchange of views regarding the political and constitutional future of Cyprus they agreed to meet again shortly for further discussions."

The meeting place was a well-kept secret until troops began barricading the roads, halting cars, and posting armed guards among the trees and shrubs of the churchyard, 20 yards from the archbishop's house.

Today's meeting was the fifth between the two men since Sir John Harding was appointed Governor in October. He and Archbishop Makarios were expected to thrash out several points of difference between Britain and the Cypriot Greeks on their demand for self-determination.—Reuters.

Grenade Attacks

Bone, Algeria, Jan. 10.

Five persons were wounded in three grenade attacks carried out by unidentified terrorists here yesterday.

Two of the grenades exploded in the street, wounding two caught-up vendors.

The other exploded in a bar wounding the proprietor's wife and two customers, including an army sergeant.—France-Press.

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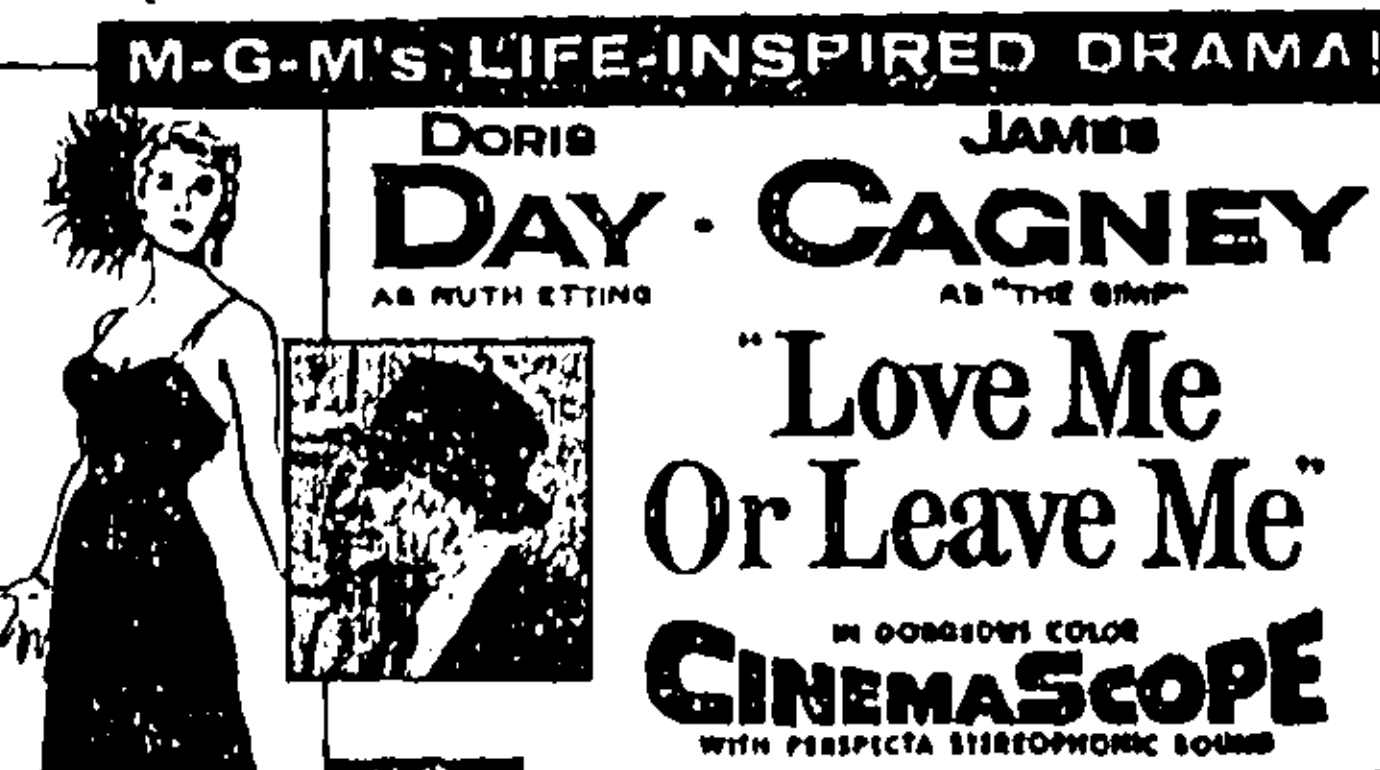
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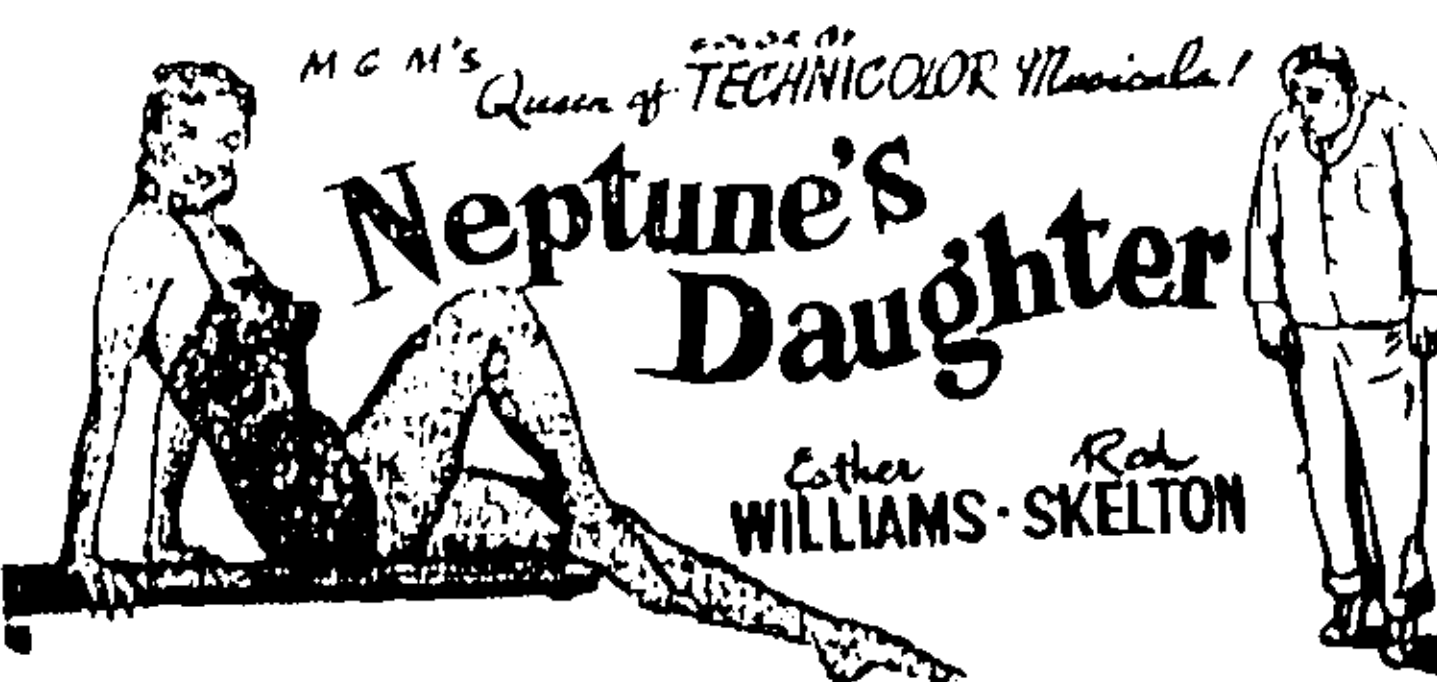
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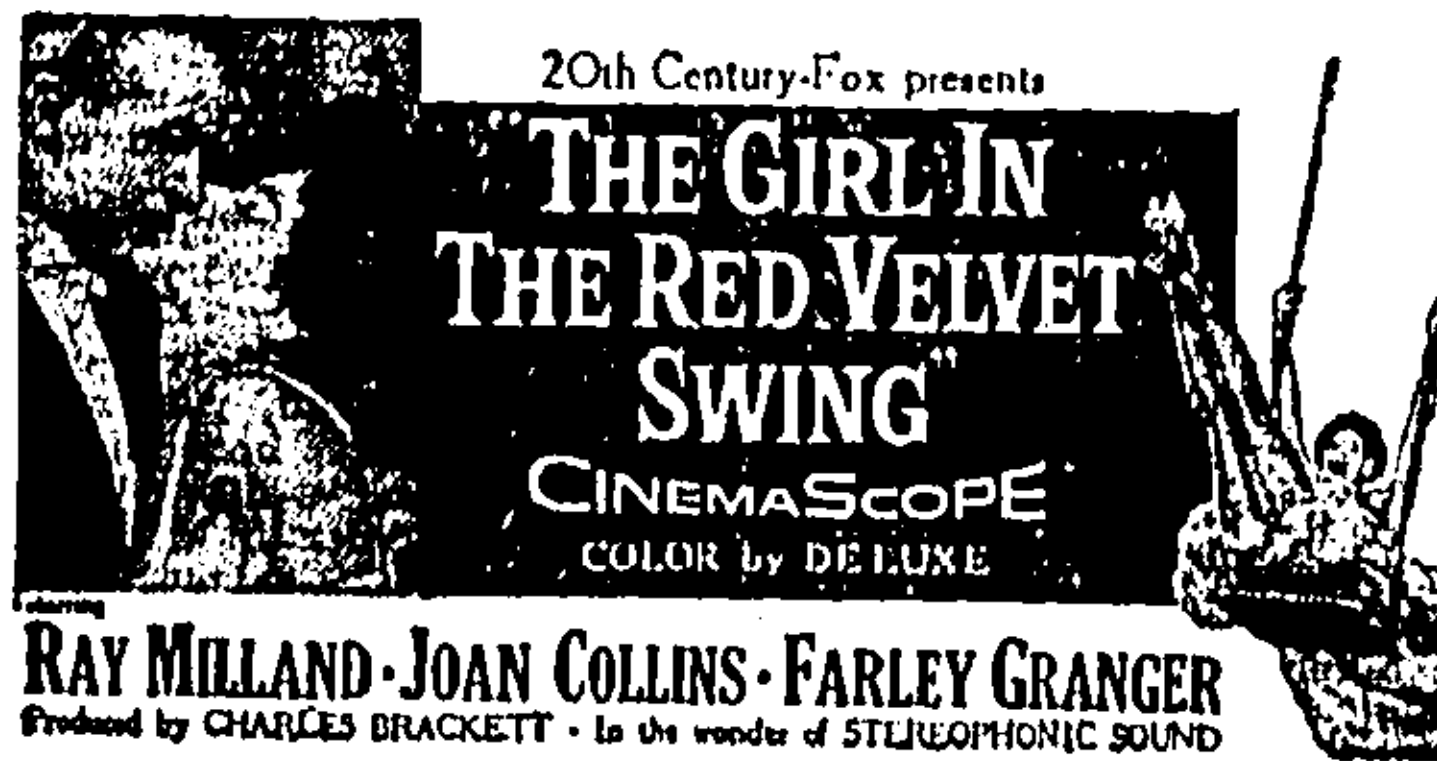


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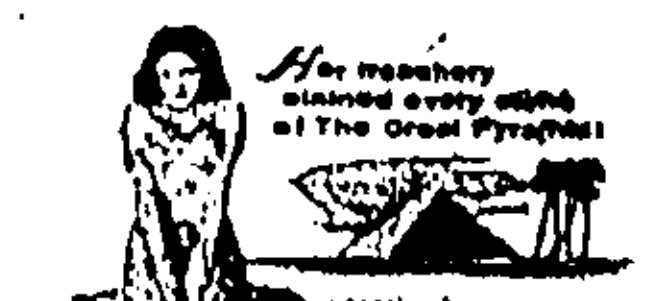
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US Pledge To Work For Liberation Of Soviet Satellites

Washington, Jan. 9.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today reinforced America's pledge to work for liberation of Communist satellite peoples until the campaign is capped with success.

He made the promise during a 45-minute meeting with exiled leaders from nine European satellite nations.

Afterwards, a State Department spokesman said, "Secretary Dulles emphasized that the United States will accept no compromise with the Soviet Union which implies acquiescence in the subjugation of the satellites."

The statement was the latest in a series by President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles promising to work for peaceful liberation of captive peoples. The statements have linked Russia and the Soviet Communist Party leader, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, has complained that the statements were in accordance with the "Geneva spirit."

US Presidential Elections

Mrs. Roosevelt Supports Stevenson

New York, Jan. 9. Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, widow of US wartime President, will be honorary President of a "Stevenson for President" Committee formed today to back Mr. Adlai Stevenson's campaign in the 1956 Presidential election.

The chief organizers of the committee to aid Mr. Stevenson, who ran against President Eisenhower in the 1952 election, are former Armed Forces Secretary Thomas E. Finletter and former Assistant Defense Secretary Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg.

New York Mayor Robert Wagner is among those already on the membership roll. — France-Press.

To Thank Him

The exiled leaders requested today's meeting with Mr. Dulles to thank him for previous messages on Eastern Europe. They represented Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Rumania.

The leaders said they were highly pleased with their meeting today. They discussed their ideas for coping with the problem of peacefully liberating the satellites.

The group made these three points:

1. The problem of captive nations should be raised at international organizations like the United Nations.
2. World public opinion should be used to put pressure on the Soviets to release their grip on satellites.
3. Broadcasts to the satellites should be maintained to keep up the morale of enslaved peoples.

Unsuccessful

The exiled leaders, who represented the Assembly of Captive European Nations, also said that the Soviets and their Communist puppets had been unsuccessful in their efforts to entice refugees who have fled to the West. They said the Communist government had been approaching refugees in Western nations, both in person and by letter, in an effort to win back their citizens who have fled to freedom.

Some of these efforts in the recruitment campaign have been conducted by diplomatic missions of the Communist nations in Western countries, they said. — United Press.

Move To Substitute Arab Aid For British

Damascus, Jan. 9. The Syrian Cabinet today again considered plans for substituting Arab aid for British grants to Jordan, informed circles here said. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria were recently reported to have offered to match Jordan's economic assistance to Jordan which totals \$3,350,000 sterling in 1955-57, with equal amounts from their own resources.

Jordan officials denied receiving such an offer. — Reuters.

US Agrees To Maintenance Cuts In Japan

Washington, Jan. 9.

AUTHORITATIVE sources today reported that the United States would agree to a cut of about \$22,000,000 in Japan's present contribution of \$105,000,000 towards the cost of maintaining American troops in Japan.

The United States decision, made during joint defense talks now concluding in Tokyo, was based on Japan's proposal to assume a bigger role in self-defense by increasing its overall defense budget for the coming fiscal year to about \$390,800,000. The present Japanese contribution of \$105 million towards the joint defense costs was based on Japanese defense budget of \$358,500,000.

The reduced contribution of about \$22 million in the next fiscal year reflected a direct relationship with the increased budget, sources here said.

American officials are now planning to open new negotiations in Tokyo to place joint defense planning on a long-term basis. This would replace the present system of preparing annual estimates of Japan's defense outlook and ability to pay part of the cost of supporting American security troops in the country.

It is expected that these negotiations will begin shortly after the Diet has received the Government's budget proposals for the coming fiscal year. — Reuters.

RITA'S CASE SAID SETTLED

Los Angeles, Jan. 9. Film star Rita Hayworth and Columbia Pictures have settled a breach of contract suit out of court. A local newspaper has reported. The settlement had been pending for \$100,000 and the studio would have paid the same amount as Rita Hayworth.



Crown Prince Akihito of Japan is shown at one of his favorite occupations—peering into a microscope. Like his father, Emperor Hirohito, Prince Akihito is regarded as an expert in biology and spends much of his time in the laboratory built in the grounds of his Tokyo home. There he studies the various animals he has collected. Now 22, the Crown Prince is scheduled to complete his education at Gakushuin University, next March. — Express Photo.

Atomic-Powered Carrier Wanted 1958

Washington, Jan. 9.

The United States Navy will ask Congress for credits for an atomic-powered aircraft carrier in the 1958 budget, Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas, announced at a press conference here today.

Mr. Thomas said that this was part of a plan already in operation, to change from classical to nuclear propulsion "just as fast as we can."

He also announced that the Navy would complete existing plans to build an atomic-powered light cruiser.

The cruiser would have a reactor midway between the one in use on atomic submarine Nautilus and one envisaged for the aircraft carrier.

Carrier A Year

Mr. Thomas said that these plans were in addition to the proposal to construct a 60,000-ton carrier every year.

He went on to say that the US Navy and Air Force were together considering the construction of an atomic flying boat.

He said that Congress would probably be asked to find \$2,000 million for the air force and navy programme in the next fiscal period as against \$750 million last year.

Mr. Thomas, who returned from a tour of the Far East last Thursday, declared that China was strengthening her fleet and building airports. But he said, "There is nothing that would indicate that there is any imminence of an attack."

100 Submarines

Mr. Thomas said he believed the Soviet Union possessed about 100 submarines in the Pacific, mostly based on Vladivostok.

He spoke with enthusiasm about the US 7th Fleet in the Pacific and the good relations existing between the fleet and the inhabitants of Far Eastern countries with whom they came in contact. — France-Press.

CAMBODIA LINKED TO FRANCE

Nice, Jan. 9.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, ex-King and ex-Premier of Cambodia, said today that the Indo-China kingdom wanted to stay linked with France and had refused American aid.

The Prince, who arrived at his villa near here yesterday for a fortnight's holiday, said: "Following an offer of financial and economic aid from the United States I called a National Congress which refused that aid and also the sending of American instructors for the Cambodian Army."

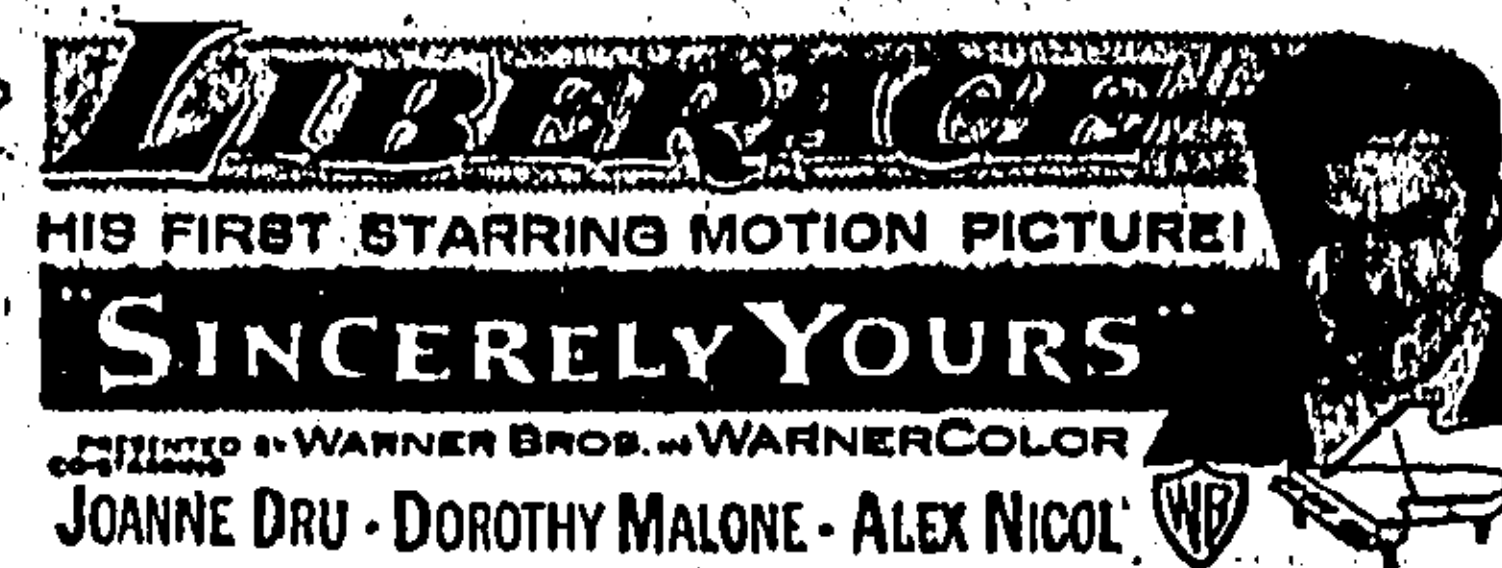
"We still remain faithful to our friendship with France and will never take up a position comparable with that of South Vietnam," he said.

Prince Sihanouk, son of the present King, is expected to be Premier again when he returns to Cambodia. He resigned two weeks ago but several thousand Cambodians signed a petition asking him to return to power. — Reuters.

Belgrade, Jan. 9. President Tito, near the Adriatic port of Split, tonight where he will disembark after his tour to Ethiopia and Egypt, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported in a dispatch from the Presidential ship Galeb. — United Press.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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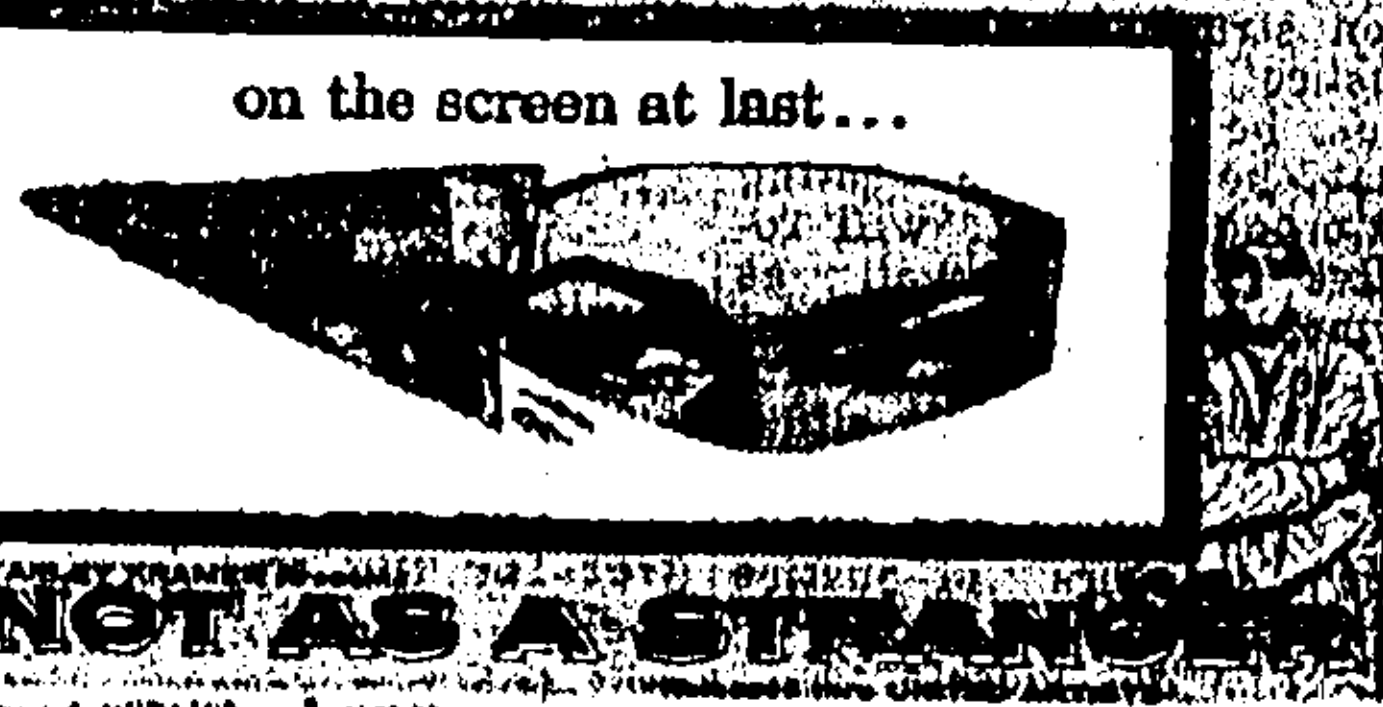
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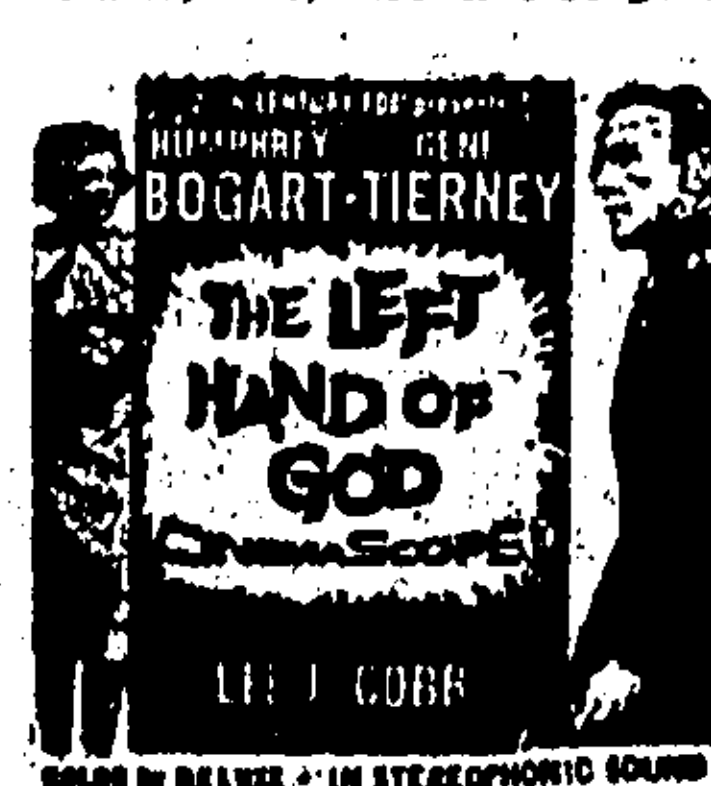
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Sen George Wants Cold War Policy

'LET SOVIETS KNOW JUST WHERE WE STAND'

Washington, Jan. 9.

Sen. Walter F. George said today the United States should "take the offensive" in cold war diplomacy. He called for "definite programmes to let the Soviets know just where we stand."

The influential Georgia Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that "as soon as we can take a positive position, it will be better for us and the free world."



Senator George

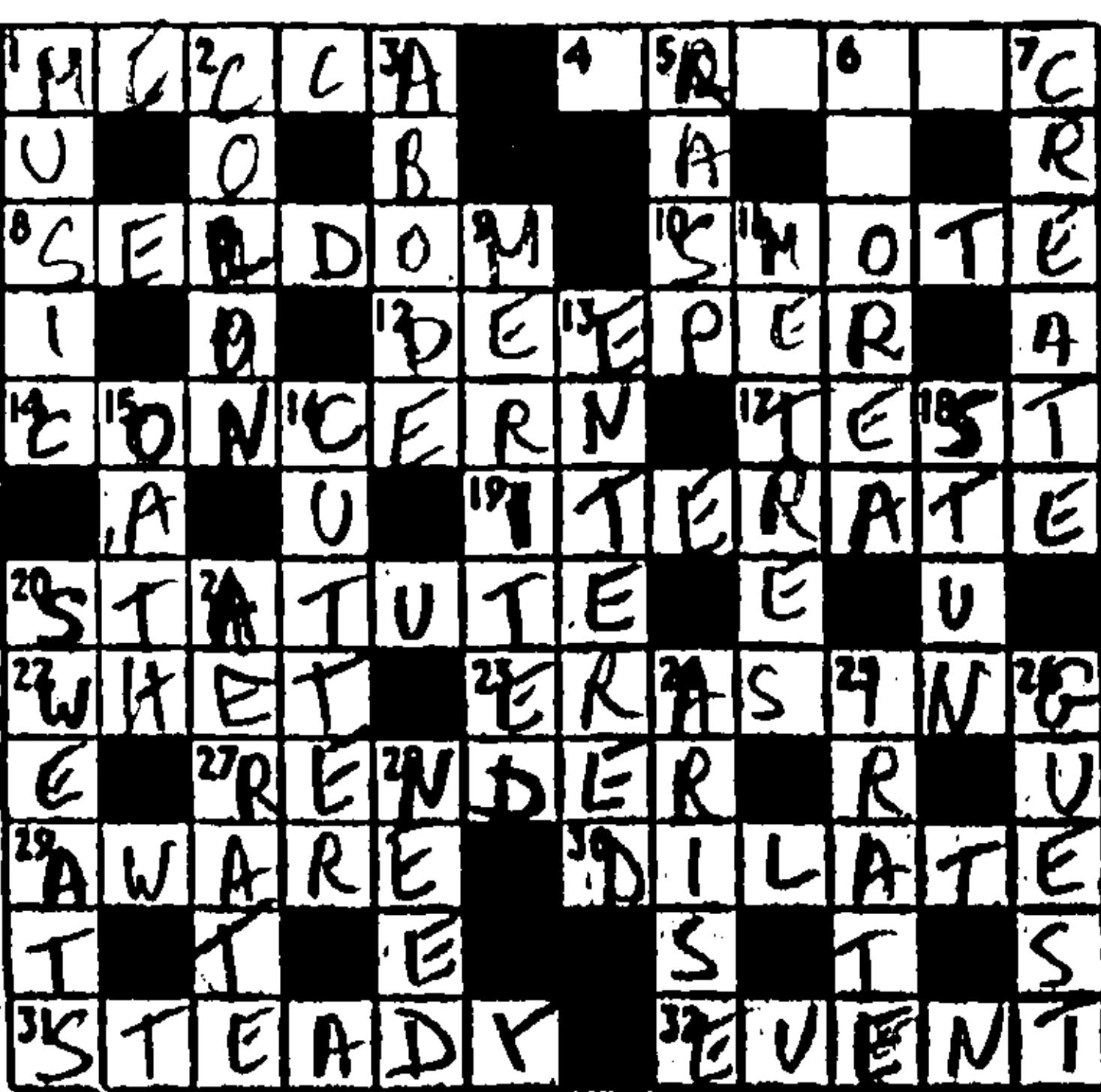
Special Fund Started For Under-Developed Countries

Calcutta, Jan. 9. Mr. Raymond, president of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, said today that the special UN fund for the development of under-developed countries will start its activities with about 250 million dollars.

Mr. Raymond, in India during a world tour to raise funds for the project, told a press conference that four countries had promised \$13,600,000—Thailand \$8 million; Denmark \$2 million; Norway \$1,500,000; and Yugoslavia \$2 million.

Britain and the United States were withholding their views on the project till they were informed of results of his mission, Mr. Raymond added. He will submit a report at the next session of the United Nations.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Place of pilgrimage (5).
 - Calamitous (6).
 - Not often (6).
 - Strike (6).
 - Become more intense (6).
 - Anxiety (7).
 - Try out (4).
 - Repeat (7).
 - Law (7).
 - Sharpen (4).
 - Effacing (7).
 - Melt down (8).
 - Conscious of (6).
 - Swell (6).
 - Firm (6).
 - Happening (6).

- DOWN
- Pleasant sound (5).
 - Punctuation mark (5).
 - Residence (6).
 - Grate (4).
 - Old coin (6).
 - Bring into being (6).
 - Deserved (7).
 - Unit of length (6).
 - Unsettled (7).
 - Explosive (4).
 - Ship's boat (8).
 - Stupefy (4).
 - Periphrasis (6).
 - Charge with gas (6).
 - Get up (5).
 - Angry (6).
 - Visitor (6).
 - Necessity (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3. Shatters, 8. Reel, 9. Obdurate, 11. Belabour, 13. Pest, 15. Depletes, 18. Sedition, 19. Stab, 21. Directed, 25. Corrodes, 26. Firm, 27. Suppends. Down: 1. Crab, 2. Full, 4. Hobo, 5. Tour, 6. Evade, 7. Sent, 9. Obelisk, 10. Duped, 12. Dope, 14. Shove, 16. Tepid, 17. Slew, 19. Rank, 20. Acre, 21. Dope, 22. Rank, 23. Tail, 24. Damp.

UN MAY MEET IN ROME THIS YEAR

By John Heffernan

New York, Jan. 9. SUPPORT was reported today to be growing for the proposal that the United Nations General Assembly meet in Rome this year.

A usually well-informed diplomat said that there seemed to be "a lot of enthusiasm among a number of delegations" for the idea.

But the same source added that at the moment the question of when the Assembly should meet was almost as important as where.

Normally, it meets in September but there is a large body of opinion that the meeting of the 70 member nations should be postponed this year until after the United States presidential election which takes place early in November.

A spokesman for the Italian delegation said that there has not been any official or unofficial invitation to the General Assembly on the part of the Italian Government.

Chief Reason

The spokesman agreed, however, that the question of a meeting in Rome was being studied together with the technical details which would be involved.

The chief reason being advanced for taking the Assembly out of New York is to avoid any clash with the presidential election campaign which will be in full swing in the third week in September, the normal time for convening a regular assembly session.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, is believed to be against the idea of moving to Europe on the grounds of the extra expense and the fact that the services, which the Secretary would be able to give to the member nations at a temporary location, would not be nearly as efficient as those provided in the permanent headquarters in New York.—China Mail Special.

Britain And US To Extend Missile Range

Washington, Jan. 9. Britain and the United States will shortly sign an agreement extending the Caribbean proving ground for American long-range guided missiles by about 850 miles, diplomatic sources said here today.

Under existing agreements the test range stretches only from Florida to the Galapagos Islands east of the Bahamas.

The new extension will almost double the distance over which guided missiles can be fired, taking it up to the Windward Islands.

Further step-by-step agreements are expected in the future carrying the range ultimately as far as 5,500 miles southwards from Florida into the Atlantic to a point near the island of St. Helena.—Reuter.

Deserter Said He Was Gaoled In Formosa

Paris, Jan. 9. The Peking radio, quoting the pilot of the Nationalist plane who deserted Formosa for the China mainland, said the three deserters had planned their flight a long time ago "because of their dissatisfaction with conditions in Formosa."

Wei Ta-wei, a native of Kwangsi, recalled he took off from Formosa on January 7 in heavy mist.

He added that while in flight over the Formosa Straits, they sighted three United States naval vessels and immediately flew into the clouds without incident, reaching the Fujian coast.

Wei further claimed that he suffered hardships in Formosa "having once spent three months in jail for daring to express dissatisfaction over the corruption he witnessed in Formosa."



West German Navy Recruits

Training company recruits of the new German Navy, parading at Wilhelmshaven last week, are shown being inspected by Captain Resche, chief of the new naval unit. Last week marked the beginning of Germany's return as a world military power: 500 volunteers for the new Wehrmacht (army) are in camp to start basic training, and each week will see the arrival of more recruits, until the Wehrmacht reaches the planned strength of 50,000.

West Germany's new navy will receive its first training ships early in March. It was learned here today.

These will be six mine-sweeping ships and 10 minesweepers to be delivered from American stocks.

At the beginning of next year, two naval shipyards in Bremen and Hamburg will build units for the new navy which will not exceed 150 tons.

Construction of bigger ships is not planned for the time being, as German naval yards have orders up to the end of 1958 and even 1959.—Express Service and Franco-Press.

West's Soldiers Brain-washed — Red Star

Moscow, Jan. 9. According to Red Star, the Soviet Army newspaper, soldiers in Western armies are "brain-washed" by "such incentives as personal enrichment through the looting and plundering of conquered nations."

This is because "the ideas of the bourgeois world" are no longer capable of moving soldiers to accomplish feats of valour.

Red Star's comment, in an article entitled "The War Ideology of Imperialism" by Lieut. Col. B. Karpovich, was written in language reminiscent of the pre-Ge. era period, when the activities of Western "war-mongers" were almost daily food for the editorialists of the Soviet Press.

Social Demagogy

The article appeared as the tone of the Soviet Press noticeably hardened towards the West, though it has not yet gone back full circle to the virulence of the worst days of the "cold war."

Colonel Karpovich claimed that "Imperialism's war ideologists" are trying to create an "obedient, capable fighting man" by a combination of punishment, moral upbringing and social demagogy.

"By a system of various reprisals, they endeavour to inculcate fear of punishment in the soldier and, on this basis, a sense of discipline."

The writer added: "Imperialism's reactionary aggressive war ideology is doomed by history just as the basis that gave birth to it. But while it exists, Soviet military experts cannot allow it to be dismissed."—China Mail Special.

William Tell Gold Coins

Berne, Jan. 9. The figure of William Tell, the Swiss national hero, will adorn a new issue of 25-franc gold coins.

New 50-franc gold coins will bear a reproduction of the statue of the Three Swis, by Vibert. These figures stand in the Federal Parliament building, symbolising the men who founded the Swiss Confederation in 1291. Five million 25-franc and two million 50-franc pieces will be minted in the new issue.—China Mail Special.

Malaya Determined To Stay In Commonwealth

Karachi, Jan. 9.

The Malayan Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, arrived here today for a two-day visit en route to talks in London on Malayan independence.

The Tengku told reporters he was "surprised and happy" at the reception given him and the crowded programme arranged for him.

His eight-man delegation arrived by ship and was welcomed by the Foreign Minister, Hamidul Huq Choudhury, the Foreign Secretary, M.S. Baiz, the chief of protocol, Hamid Nawaz Khan, the British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Sir Alexander Symon, and other officials.

Rushed To Dock

The Foreign Minister rushed to the dock from the opening day of the debate on Pakistan's draft constitution.

The Tengku told reporters that "no decision" had been reached on the status of the Malayan Federation in the Commonwealth once it attains its independence.

He reaffirmed that Malaya intends to remain in the Commonwealth and that it was undecided whether it would have Dominion status or the status of a Republic, similar to that of India. Pakistan plans to declare itself a republic linked with the Commonwealth when its constitution is adopted.

After London

"It is certain that Malaya has the support of the Commonwealth countries for independence," said the Chief Minister, adding that he was confident independence would be achieved "not later than August 1957 because the issues have already been agreed upon and they need only to be worked out in detail, including appointment of members of the Independence Commission."

The Tengku said, "I hope to be in a position to declare our target date for independence after the meetings in London."

—United Press.

'A' STANDS FOR ANGLIYA

Moscow, Jan. 9. The Soviet Government has avoided taking an official stand in the British-Argentine dispute over the Falkland Islands, but at least in certain Soviet scientific circles, whether conclusively or not, the islands are accepted as British.

This appears from a map printed in the newspaper Komunist Prava. The map, accompanying an article on the Soviet expedition to the Antarctic, indicates the points at which Soviet and other countries' research stations are to be set up in 1957 and 1959.

The southern tip of the South American continent just appears at the top of the map. Beyond it is the Russian letter "Ch", indicating that it is "Chinese" territory.

A little way to the right are the Falkland Islands. Above them is marked the letter "A", standing for "Angliya", the Russian for "England".—China Mail Special.

Burglar Stayed The Night

Tokyo, Jan. 9. A burglar, armed with a carving knife, called at 1.30 a.m. on Mr. Toshiro Katsuyama, in a Tokyo suburb, tied him up with his family of three, and settled down for the night. The burglar drank some whisky and some beer, became cheerfully drunk, cooked and ate a good breakfast, and at 6.30 a.m. strolled away with 40,000 yen (about £40) in cash and a tin of tangerines.—China Mail Special.

SW AFRICA TO LONDON ON FOOT

Kampala, Jan. 9. Mr. Norman Petrie Imlach, 27, who is on his way by foot from South-west Africa to London, has had to change his route because of travel restrictions in the southern Sudan.

The Sudanese authorities refused to let him into Equatorial Province, where troops maintained a few months ago.

At Gulu, Northern Uganda, Mr. Imlach said he would go instead through the Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa and Nigeria. From there he hopes to work his way to Freetown, in Sierra Leone, then round the coast to Casablanca and Tangier.

20 Miles A Day. He has already walked 4,000 miles averaging 20 miles a day, carrying a haversack containing bedding, spare clothing, two cooking pots, and two water bottles.

Mr. Imlach carries a spear-throwing stick, a short sword given to him by Masai tribesmen when he passed through Kenya, and two sheath knives.

He calculates that he will reach London in May, 1957.—China Mail Special.

TREASURE HOARD FOUND

Istanbul, Jan. 9. Archaeologists have discovered the first traces of a treasury in Kivrittepe near Turpulu, which is believed to have belonged to Krius, King of the Lydians. About 350 people who are taking part in excavations have found solid gold plate, ladies' jewelry, necklaces, earrings, and rings. The search is being continued.

Lydians lived and established a civilisation in Sakarya and Aegean regions of Asia Minor, 7-8 century B.C. and their king Krius was fabulously rich.—China Mail Special.

Jap Public Opinion Supports Peace Talks With Russia

London, Jan. 9.

Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, Japan's chief negotiator in her peace talks with the Soviet Union, who arrived in London this afternoon, told reporters here that the support of the public opinion in Japan for his negotiations was much stronger now compared with the time when the talks were opened in June last year.

He said that with this support he had high hopes that the negotiations will be brought to a successful end in the not too distant future.

Mr. Matsumoto who was speaking at a press conference said that he had not decided on what subject to start the talks when he meets Ambassador Jakob Malik, the Soviet chief negotiator, on January 17 after an interval of more than four months.

Unchanged

But he said that Japan's fundamental position is unchanged since the last meeting which was held on September 12 last year and that he can reopen the talks at exactly the same point where they had left off.

Asked whether he thought the international situation now would be more favourable for the peace talks he replied that in his opinion the situation did not have any effect on the lines to be taken during the meetings. The Russo-Japanese peace talks went into recess in September last year to enable Ambassador Malik to attend the UN General Assembly in New York.

No Plans

The next meeting which will be held at the Japanese Ambassador's official residence in London at 3 p.m. on January 17 will be the 16th session of the negotiations.

Mr. Matsumoto said that he does not have any plans for seeing Mr. Malik before then.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Back At His Desk

Washington, Jan. 9. President Eisenhower went back to his desk at eight o'clock this morning and resumed "the full duties of the presidency," according to his Appointment Secretary, Mr. Bernard Shanley.

It was the first time he had borne the full burden since his heart attack on September 24. He returned to Washington yesterday after a 12-day rest in Florida.

Starting punctually the President today met his staff, consulted advisers, sent his message on farm surplus to Congress, sent 158 nominations to the Senate, discussed his forthcoming economic report with Mr. Arthur Burns, his economic specialist.

Lot Of Work

The President put in "a lot of staff work," Mr. James Hagerty, his Press Secretary stated.

Mr. Hagerty said "no comment" when asked about a magazine poll of 246 heart specialists which stated that three out of five of them considered the President sufficiently recovered to stand another term of office.

The Journal of the American Medical Association said the poll was "definitely political" slanted and should be "tossed in the wastepaper basket."

"Consultation without examination is absurd," the Journal said.—Reuter.

Death Over Music Dispute

Athens, Jan. 9. One man died and several others were injured in a fight following a quarrel over the choice of which gramophone record should be played in a cafe at St. Ekatirini, near Patras.

The quarrel took place in a cafe owned by Evangelos Kotas, when a member of one party asked for a certain gramophone record to be played but other people objected. They came to blows, using as weapons chalk and tables of the cafe.

The owner of the cafe entered the fight to protect his property and fell dead from a heart attack. A Red Cross ambulance carried several persons who were injured during the fight to the First Aid Station.—China Mail Special.

Paris Airport Workers Call New Strike

Paris, Jan. 9.

A new, surprise strike disrupted Paris air traffic today, causing international airlines to hastily re-route traffic to other European cities.

Ground personnel launched a 24-hour strike at noon to back demands for wages withheld during a nearly two-month long strike which ended last week.

The new walkout affected Orly and Le Bourget airports outside Paris and a number of other fields in France.

Pan American Airways and Trans World Airlines re-routed their flights to Basle in Switzerland, and to Brussels.

Air France cancelled its departures until the scheduled end of the strike at noon tomorrow.

Copper Workers' Settlement

It was announced in Santiago that the strike of workers at the El Teniente Kennecott Copper Mine, which commenced on December 14, was settled following negotiations between Banco Central, the company and the workers, according to unofficial sources.

Workers will gradually resume work as from today. With this settlement the situation in the copper industry has practically returned to normal. The Mining Credit Bank here has announced the sale of 3,000 metric tons of copper to West Germany and a though the price was not disclosed, it was estimated it would be around 50 cents per lb.

The Bank also announced that it was negotiating for the sale of 2,000 tons of copper to Yugoslavia in accordance with the Chilean-Yugoslav trade agreements.

At the same time it was announced that most of the independent unions in Chile would not obey the general strike call by the Confederation of Trade Unions, which was due to start at midnight (local time) today.

The Copper Worker Union has stated that it would not participate in the strike, although it admitted that the transportation of copper might be affected if the railways were involved.

In the meantime, reports as to the extent of the strike were still awaiting Franco-Press and China Mail Special.

TWO TONS OF LOVE LETTERS

Madrid, Jan. 9. An Alicante woman and her husband have made a separation of 20 years during which they accumulated two tons of love letters, the Mencheta news agency reported.

But they are still separated. The bridegroom is in Cuba, and the marriage was by proxy.

The romance began shortly before Senor Antonio Fernandez Cervera left Alicante for Havana where he still lives. Ever since, a copious flow of letters has been exchanged between Havana and Senorita Almoduna Perez Granero in Alicante.—China Mail Special.

Lifetime In Children's Home

Patras, Jan. 9. The local prefect found two women, 70 and 80 years old among the inmates when he inspected the municipal children's home at Patras.

The superintendent of the home explained that they were foundlings and have lived there all their lives because no other organisations could be found to care for them.—China Mail Special.

BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPES

On track and field, in gymnasiums, baths, in towns and villages up and down the country, Britain's top athletes are preparing for a tilt at the biggest prize amateur sport has to offer—an Olympic Gold Medal. What are their chances?

To TV Announcer Chataway, Running Is For Fun

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

The voice of the announcer was clear-out, pleasant, with perhaps the slightest trace of an "Oxford" accent. But then that is not surprising. For Chris Chataway was up at Oxford.

Flame-haired Chataway, known to millions of televisioners as the track's human dynamo, is screened regularly these days. He reads the news bulletins for the Independent Television Authority.

You would think, as you listened to reports on the radio and the Middle East situation, that Chataway had been doing a lot of his life. But he was a junior executive with a firm of brewers.

But whatever the job, Chataway tackles everything with the toughness of his big race preparations.

BUSINESS FIRST

Business before pleasure to him, every time. And to Chris Chataway athletes means pleasure.

Is this young man from Woking, the eldest of four children of a former member of the Indian Civil Service (Chris's father died in 1953) winning races and breaking records?

Running is for fun. In his own words: "There is so much pleasure to be had out of life without running all the time."

"My first consideration is my job. Should athletics ever take up too much time and interfere with business, that's the time to chuck athletics."

"If running meant my giving up the things I enjoy, and making life austere and miserable, I should, reluctantly, give up running. Fortunately, I find my minor vices impede me not at all."

Chris smokes about ten cigarettes a day, has the occasional drink ("whisky with a dash of soda, please"). In fact he lives the normal life of a young single man, and refuses to allow athletics to dominate him.

As a schoolboy at Sherborne, Chataway ran modestly in those days he showed more aptitude for rugby and cricket.

But later, as an Army National Service officer, Second Lieutenant Chataway took more to the running track. And the Army wisely gave him opportunities to develop his athletic ability.

But even though he became one of Britain's brightest young hopes, Chataway still looked on the whole thing as a sport for amateurs.

IMMORTAL MILE

When at Oxford, his college friend and fellow athlete Roger Bannister ran that immortal four-minute mile, Chataway was the chief pace-maker.

Later, with Brian Hewson and Hungary's László Tabort, Chataway himself crashed through the same barrier.

Yet, normally, he despises record attempts because "they lack the stimulus of pure running."

Despite this love of "pure running," Chataway prepares for a race mentally as well as physically.

He had won his world record-breaking race against Vladimir Kuts in his mind even before his name had been entered.

That does not mean a big event becomes an obsession, a worry causing sleepless nights. Chataway has learned how to shut the subject out of his mind and then pick it up again like a book.

MORE BASIC SPEED

How does Chataway compare with East Zoltak, the amazing Czech? Let Vladimir Kuts, who has beaten, and lost to, both answer that. "To start with," says the Russian, "I would say that Chataway has more basic speed. Secondly, he is of a more serious temperament than the happy-go-lucky Czech. These are two reasons why he is such a dangerous rival. He is the strongest runner I have ever faced."

"Off the track I have just as high an opinion of him. We met after our White City race at a reception given at the Soviet Embassy in London, and I was impressed by his modesty and friendliness."

Next autumn Chris will have a stand-in reading the news bulletins. For he has been given six weeks' leave for the Olympic Games. But just to show to what lengths he will go to emphasize that his job comes first, and to uphold the traditions and spirit of amateur athletics so dear to him, Chataway will not take any additional summer leave.

Instead he will be working overtime to make up for his trip to Melbourne.

That is the mood, Chris Chataway, the man of whom experts once said: "He'll never make a champion, his legs aren't long enough." — London Express Service.

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IP AND TSAI BEATEN IN DOUBLES FINAL

Feliceissimo Saigon, Jan. 9. Philippines won the Men's Singles tennis tournament yesterday, defeating his countryman, F. Deyro, 6-4, 6-3.

In the Doubles, the South Vietnamese team of Tich and Bay beat the Koon-hung and Edwin Teal of Hongkong 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. —France-Press.

England To Meet Sweden On May 16

London, Jan. 9. This year's European tour by an England football team will include matches against Sweden in Stockholm on May 10 and against West Germany in Berlin on May 24. It will be the first time that a full England team has toured in Germany since the war. —China Mail Special.



CHATAWAY

Boxing Is Second Most Popular Sport In Britain Today

London, Jan. 10.

Boxing, a sport which some would have banned, is the second most popular sport in Britain today.

That remarkable fact is disclosed by a nation-wide poll taken by the British morning newspaper the News Chronicle.

It goes without saying that soccer football is far and away the most popular. Indeed for nearly half the nation it is the sport in which they take most interest.

Cricket takes third place just below boxing and then follows swimming, field athletics, lawn tennis, ice skating, horse racing and motor racing.

There is only a fractional popularity difference between the next eight sports which take the order of Rugby Union, fishing, ice hockey, bowls, golf, dog racing, Rugby League and cycling.

It is really rather amazing that a sport like cycling, one of the most popular on the continent, gets only 17th place in Britain with only five per cent of the nation interested in it.

Other sports surprisingly low are track and field athletics which falls behind both boxing and swimming, horse racing which comes only eighth and Rugby Union only 10th and with an interest percentage of six per cent only.

BETTING ANGLE

High on the scale, to the astonishment of many, is ice skating, which actually rates above the horses in spite of the betting angle of the latter.

There is of course a moral in all this. It is safe to say that five years ago the order would have been very different. Not because of the general popularity of the sports with the possible exception of athletics which Dr. Roger Bannister and others have done much to promote but because in those days there was no television and less sport on radio.

Figure skating must take its high place because of the TV screen and the now more popular ice shows.

Few if any more people skate these days than used to do. Its popularity with women earned it its high value.

Boxing too owes its popularity to the screen and radio. It can hardly be because of the excellence of its boxers and its standard. Indeed Britain today probably has fewer colourful boxers than it has had for some time.

Quite why swimming gets preference over track and field is hard to say because both sports get considerable prominence on television and though the country has done well internationally in swimming.

Dai Rees To Play Exhibition Matches In India

London, Jan. 9. Dai Rees (South Herts), British Ryder Cup Captain and Ken Bousfield (Coombe Hill) British match play and close Champion, are flying to Karachi from London today.

They will spend nearly a month playing exhibition matches there, and in New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and other centres.

Rees said, "It is my fourth trip to that part of the world. It will be Ken's first. I do not know of any competitions in which we can play, but if there are, we shall naturally enter."

The players are due back in London on February 8. —France-Press.

WORLD BRIDGE

Paris, Jan. 9. France was leading the United States by 49 points at the end of the fourth session in Paris today of the Contract Bridge World Championship.

When play started today, France was leading by only one point. During the day, France notched up 73 points, against America's 35. —France-Press.

RUGBY UNION NOTES

SERVICE PLAYERS IN SCOTTISH XV; FRANCE'S RUN OF SUCCESS MAY END SOON

N. M. Campbell, the Royal Army Medical Corps Depot (Crockham) scrum-half, and E. J. S. Michie, the Army second-row forward, will play for Scotland in the first of the season's Rugby Union International Championship matches against France at Murrayfield on January 14. It is a first cap for Campbell, who has also assisted Rosslyn Park, St. Mary's Hospital and London Scottish. Michie has already made seven International appearances.

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FINAL IRISH TRIAL

Ireland were last year's wooden spoonists, only succeeding in drawing with England and losing all their other matches, but if they can find a first-class full-back and wing three-quarters, might well make a strong challenge this winter.

The final Irish Trial to be played at Ravenhill on January 14, are:—

Whites: J. McKeivley (Queen's University); R. Roche (Galwegians); A. J. F. O'Reilly (Old Belvedere); C. Pedlow (Queen's University); J. T. Gaston (Monksdown); J. W. Gaston (North); A. A. Mulligan (Cambridge University); C. Fagan (Moseley); R. Roe (London Irish); P. O'Donoghue (Beactive); P. Lawlor (Clontarf); T. E. Reid (London Irish); A. H. Kennedy (Collegians); J. S. Ritchie (London Irish); and M. Cunningham (Cork Constitution).

Blues: P. J. Berkery (Lansdowne); M. Mortell (Beactive).

MCC TOURIST

Brian Close 95 Not Out

Hyderabad, Jan. 9. The MCC touring side took the honours of a one-day cricket match against a Pir Pagaro XI here today declaring at 235 for seven and then claiming five wickets of the opposition for 88.

Hurricane-hitting touring batsmen featured the left-hand opening bat, scoring 95 not out, while Donald Cam, captain of the MCC side, hit 70 before lunch and was stumped when hitting out.

SUMMARISED SCORES:

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Scotland: R. W. T. Chisholm (Melrose); A. R. Smith (Cambridge University); A. Cameron (Glasgow High School F.P.); K. R. Macdonald (Stewart's F.P.); J. S. Swen (Cowdrey); M. L. Grant (Harrington); N. M. Campbell (RAMC); H. F. McLeod (Hawick); R. K. G. MacEwen (London Scottish); T. Elliot (Glasgow); E. J. S. Michie (Army); J. W. Y. Kemp (Glasgow High School F.P.); J. T. Greenwood (Dunfermline); I. A. A. MacGregor (Llanelli and RAF); and A. Robson (Hawick).

France: Vannier (Racing Club de Paris); Dupuy (Toulouse); Boniface (Mont de Marsan); Steiner (Paris University Club); and Rose (Bordeaux); Bouquet (Vienne) and Dufour (Racing Club de Paris); Domenech (Brive); Vigier (Montferrand); Bienes (Cognac); Chevalier (Montferrand); Buecherer (Périgord); Badier (Bayonne); C. S. (Biarritz); and Carrere (Vichy).

Charlton Quoted Eight To One In FA Cup Callover

London, Jan. 9. Charlton Athletic, one of several London teams still in the competition, were installed as new favourites for the Football Association cup tonight when a callover was held at the Victoria Club after the draw for the fourth round had been announced.

Charlton drawn at home to a Third Division team were quoted at odds of eight to one while Sunderland favourites at the last callover remained on the nine to one mark.

Sunderland have an away match in the fourth round against last year's giant killers, York City, who were quoted at 200 to 1 to win the trophy.

Most teams were at shorter odds than previously, an expected happening now that another round has been played since the last callover. A notable exception is Aston Villa previously 40 to 1 but tonight at 80 to one. Their next opponents will be Arsenal or Bedford depending on a replay and the betting folk evidently regard this as a foregone conclusion for Arsenal who are at 100 to 6 whereas Bedford are 1000 to one.

The full odds quoted tonight were:

8 to 1 against Charlton; 9 to 1 Sunderland; 100 to 1 West Bromwich Albion;

100 to 1 Portsmouth, Newcastle and Bolton;

100 to 1 Manchester City, Arsenal, Burnley, Chelsea, Luton Town and Everton;

20 to 1 Blackpool, Tottenham and Birmingham;

30 to 1 Cardiff City;

40 to 1 Sheffield United;

50 to 1 Liverpool, Rotherham and Bristol Rovers;

60 to 1 Aston Villa and Leicester;

100 to 1 Blackburn Rovers and Stoke;

150 to 1 West Ham and Fulham;

200 to 1 York City;

250 to 1 Barnsley, Bury, Middlesbrough, Leyton Orient and Port Vale;

500 to 1 Rotherham, Hull City and Doncaster Rovers;

1,000 to 1 Southern United, Scunthorpe, Bedford Town and Swindon.—Reuter.

FARELF Boxing Championships

Elimination rounds for the FARELF Individual Boxing Championships, London, France, Hongkong, will be held on January 12, 13 and 14, respectively, at the Queen Elizabeth II Youth Centre in Kowloon.

Boxing will take place on January 12 at 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. for all preliminary rounds, on January 13 at 6 p.m. for the semi-finals and on January 14 for all the finals.

Up to a maximum of three boxers in every weight class will be selected to go to Singapore for the FARELF Championships to be held there in March.

Way To Win Football Pool

Cologne, Jan. 9. A 29-year-old unemployed man has won US\$105,000 in a German football pool by predicting results by dice throws.

Jeanes Pechanika has been spending from 30 to 60 cents every week for the past seven years on football pools without ever winning anything. This time he predicted 12 correct Championship results by throwing dice and filling in the number of points for each team according to the numbers coming up on the dice.

Pechanika, still stunned by his success, thinks he wants to build a house for his mother and his future parents-in-law and hopes to marry soon. —France-Press.

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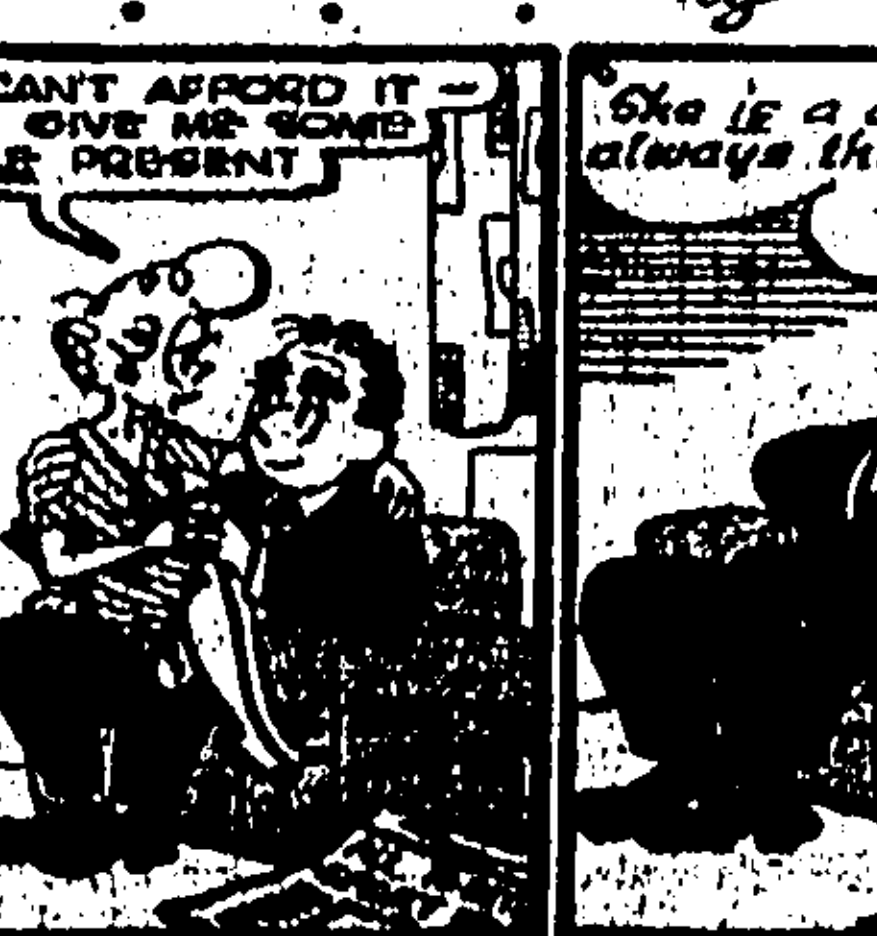
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by Barry Appleby



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MR PIRIE SAYS
DAVID JACK

Gordon Pirie is an accomplished long-distance runner. He may also be an efficient paint salesman. But he shouldn't try to sell whitewash in Fleet Street, even when he wants it used on British athletes...

If we did decide to accept "Pirie's Pointers for Pressmen," however, there might emerge some very interesting reports on the 1956 AAA Championships. Let us drift six months into the future.

The Long Jump has been won by a Russian, with a Hungarian second and an Eskimo third. All have cleared 23ft. The British representative is sixth with a 12ft jump.

We write: A fine performance by the Britisher. He need only show normal improvement to challenge the best in Greenland within a year.

In the 220 Yards Hurdles the British competitor has knocked over nine hurdles, cleared

one, and finished last. We write: This athlete shows obvious signs of making the grade. After the race he told us courageously, "Well, we can't all be Prime Ministers."

GREAT STUFF!

After the 100 Yards winner from the United States (9.8sec.) has donned his track suit and helped the British representative over the winning line, we write: The time of the fifth-placed Britisher (10.8sec.) knocked 0.005 of a second off his previous best. Such improvement is encouraging with the Olympics at hand.

The Mile event is rather disappointing for British, although Hewson wins in 3min. 58sec. Chidaway is barred from competing by the I.T.A., Banister is refused permission to come out of retirement by the BBC and Pirie refuses to run because he sees someone he doesn't like in the Press Box. We write: Pirie would have done much better than Hewson in such a slowly-run race.

Having evicted the man he didn't like from the Press seats, Pirie decides to turn out in the Three Miles, but after competing half a lap he withdraws suffering from writer's cramp.

SUCH BAD LUCK

We write: Pirie, so he told us, had the most formidable luck. He faced a head wind all the way, was spiked by the humanitarians, did not hear the starter's pistol, and had to stop to sell a tin of paint after completing the first 100 yards.

And so the meeting progresses. In the high jump, our man, having topped the bar twice at 3ft. 2in. complains that he is used to jumping rope—not wood. The hammer thrower is unfortunate enough to be ejected 15ft. through the air, leaving his hammer in the throwing circle. The shot putter retires and is taken to hospital with four smashed toes on his left foot, while artificial respiration fails to revive the 3,000 Metres steeplechaser... drowned on the second circuit.

Another Canterbury club has now followed suit, with the plastic paint—China Mail Special.

Mangrum Wins
Open Golf
Tourney

Los Angeles, Jan. 9. Lloyd Mangrum completed the long row back from oblivion today as he contested to victory in the \$30,000 Los Angeles Open golf tournament with a record-shattering 272 for the 72-hole grind.

Fighting off the challenge of little Jerry Barber down the back stretch, Mangrum won by a three-stroke margin. Barber finished with a 275 and Tommy Bolt, the sensation of the second round with his brilliant 63, finished in third place with a 270.

Mangrum had failed to win a single tournament in 1955 due to illness and injuries—some of his trouble resulting from bullet wounds suffered in World War II. But he was steady in the clutch today as he fired an over-par 72 to go with earlier rounds of 66-66-68.—United Press.

Annual Fleet
Rifle Meeting
Tomorrow

The Annual Fleet Rifle Meeting will be taking place at Stonecutters on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Teams and individuals from the following ships will be taking part:

H.M. Ships

Newfoundland, Newcastle, Tamar, Concorde, Consort, Cockade, Comus, Caradigan Bay, St. Brides Bay, Dampier.

H.M. Australian Ships

Tobruk, Anzac.

At conclusion of the meet, the ten Fleet Rifle Shooting Trophies will be presented by Sir R. Ekins, CB, CVO, OBE, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday.

England-Russia
Soccer Match
Postponed

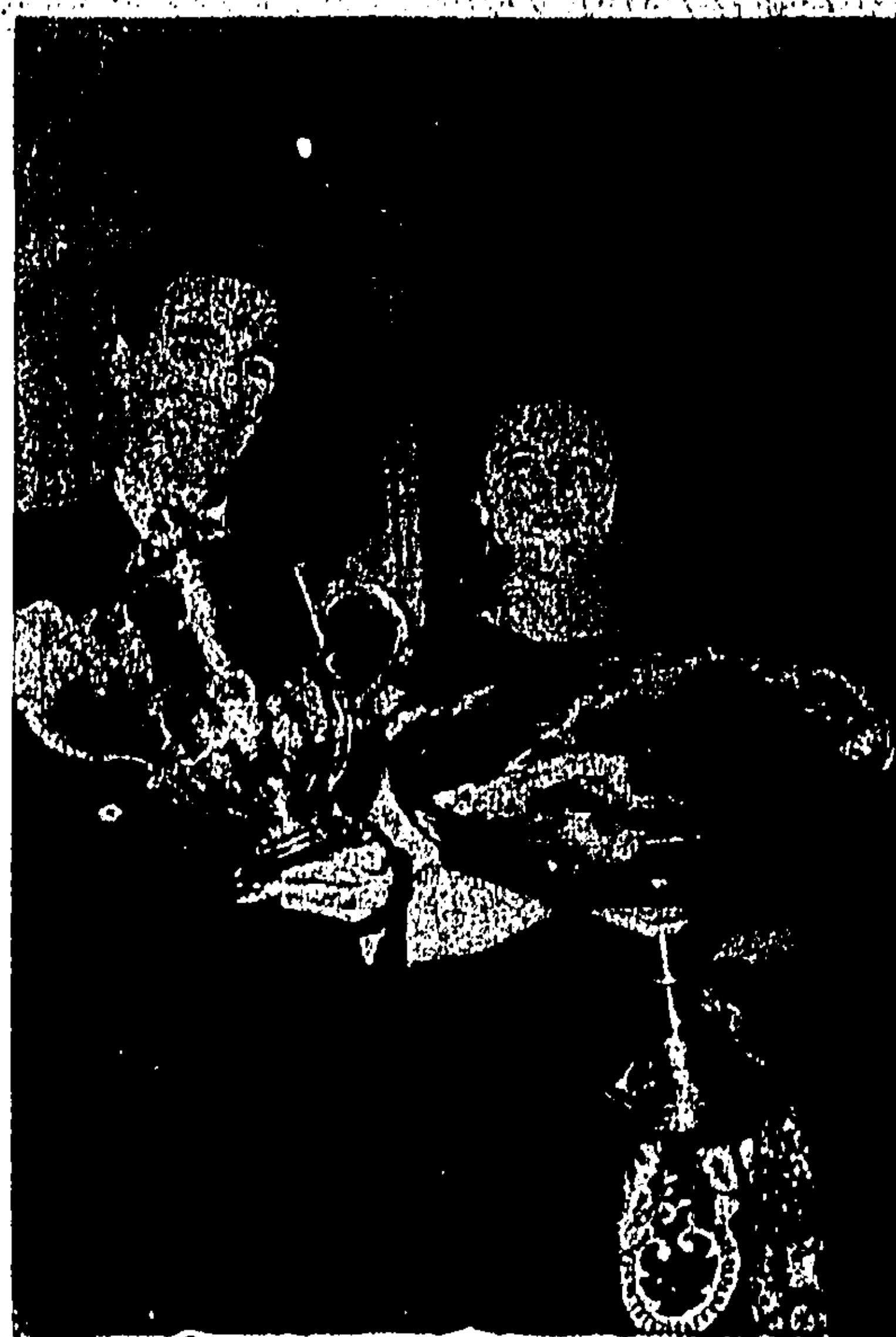
London, Jan. 9. Russia and England will not, after all, meet at the end of the present English season, in a soccer international in Russia.

In announcing this to-day Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of Britain's Football Association, said a date for the match could not be mutually agreed upon and the Russians have agreed to a postponement until a later date. It is possible that England and Russia will meet both home and away next season.

The suggested date of June 3 was not suitable to the Football Association because it left too big a gap after the end of the European tour (May 24) by an England team.

Russia could not not offer an alternative date because of their other international commitments.—Reuter.

SPORTING RECORD AWARD



Shown holding their trophies as Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year respectively are ace British runner Gordon Pirie and crack horsewoman Pat Smythe. Trophies were awarded by the "Sporting Record" in a ceremony at London's Savoy Hotel on December 28.—Express Photo.

What Hope Has
England In The
Grand National

Asks STANLEY LONGLEY

Deadline to enter horses for the Grand National is 5 p.m. today, and although stable plans may undergo minor changes this week-end the official list, according to my preliminary investigations, is not going to reveal any outstanding prospects of England putting an end to the record-breaking run of Vincent O'Brien.

Three times running that amazing young man from Cashel, in Ireland, has won with Early Mist, Royal Tan, and Quare Times, and all of them, possibly with another from the stable, will return to Aintree next March in an all-out attempt to keep up the sequence.

What will England have to offer against the might of this Irish team?

First, a major disappointment. Home-bred Limber Hill, who stamped himself our greatest prospect at Kempton Park, will not be among the entries.

Said trainer Billy Dutton, who rode 100-1 winner Tipperary Tim in 1928:

"We shall not enter him, otherwise we should be tempted to run him. He would certainly get 12st. 7lb. and when he has done his round of the other big events, and slowed down a little, he will still have just as good a chance at Liverpool another year."

BUSINESS-LIKE

That is a sound and business-like outlook, and only emphasises a point I made last February that to get all the cream the Grand National must offer a really stupendous prize, well above the present £6,000 added to the sweepstakes.

The Malton trainer, incidentally, will have a representative, but an outsider right at the other end of the scale—Tynequay.

Peter Cazelle's plans are to enter two from his Tonbridgeables, Devon Loch and Mast-tu-vu, both belonging to the Queen Mother.

Although Devon Loch was outpaced in the "King George" he is the type for Aintree and infinitely the better prospect. As Mast-tu-vu will be near the bottom of the handicap, Devon Loch will be ridden by Dick Francis, who already anticipates a great ride.

With Francis otherwise engaged, a new jockey has to be found for Mariner's Log, who will be George Beeby's sole representative this year. Said the Compton trainer: "All my eggs are in one basket next March, and I hope it takes a bit longer to break this time."

Mariner's Log fell at the first last March. Who will replace Francis in the colours of Lord Elcoster, still hoping to achieve a life's ambition in his 90th year?

be Dave Dick, which would raise the point of a deputy jockey for Royal Tan.

Bryan Marshall, incidentally, will again be on Early Mist, and it is taken for granted that nothing is likely to separate the pair. Tuae and Quare Times combination after their brilliant victory last March.

Old faithful Irish Lizard is to be nominated for the "nth" time, but a word of caution for anybody trying to beat the odds.

Frenchie Nicholson's only entry had a mishap in a race at Cheltenham recently and the trainer told me: "Irish Lizard really hurt himself and we shall not know how badly for a week or two."

Must, winner of that race, confirmed my long-term forecast that he would become a big-race possible, and already Bert Morrow has been earmarked to ride him.

GOLD CUP AGAIN

Trainer Alec Kilpatrick expects to enter also Four Ten but considers plans at a later date are more likely to turn to a bid for another Cheltenham Gold Cup which Mr. Strang's horse won in 1954.

Valiant Spark, only seven years old today and closely connected on form with Must, will also be in the National list.

Quipped Mr. Oliver Gilbey of his £12 bargain horse: "He may be young but I am rising 62 with a not-too-sound heart, so we don't want it to be too late for one of us."

George Slack, runner-up the last two years on Tudor Line, has yet no definite mount, but there is a possibility he will be on Oratory, who started his National career at six, and has completed the course both times.

Fulke Walwyn, successful partner of Reynoldstown carry-ing 12st. 2lb. in 1953, will have two runners, the enormous Armorial III, and Cheltenham winner, Greenleaf. Both will carry near the minimum.

In the Cart

By HENRY LONGHURST

Nothing in the reports of those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the recent Ryder Cup match in California appears to have intrigued readers at home so much as the references to the electric carts, or buggies, in which most of the spectators followed the play and which the members of the Thunderbird Club habitually use for their own golf.

Though the USGA ban them in Championships and though golf architects in America have issued a declaration deploring their use, these vehicles are a part of the American golfing scene and indisputably have come to stay. At Thunderbird, indeed, a player on foot no longer has any standing on the course and must at all times let the motorised battalions through.

At this particular club there are some 200 occupants of the "buggy stables," all of them painted in gay colours, some with tasseled canopies and one bearing the badges of motoring organisations all over the world, including, I was glad to see, the AA and RAC. Two white-overalled mechanics are permanently employed to look after them, fetching them down from the buggy park in the evening, charging their batteries, and so on. Most are privately owned—they cost about 1,000 dollars complete with charging apparatus—but some are loaned out by the club at £3 a round, on the understanding that you also take a caddy at about £2 a round.

FLAT OUT

The carts do about 15 m.p.h., flat out—which did not prevent the later fourballs in a tournament before the match taking five hours for 18 holes, and the members habitually drive home in them: Bing Crosby, I was told, frequently

running out of current halfway to his home up the hill.

I played several rounds in, or rather from, these carts and, while every traditionalist instinct revolted at the thought, I found it an intriguing experience. You all drive along the semi-circular path on one side of the fairway—crafty players always drive in the golfing sense, towards the edge of the fairway as they get a better lie in the rough where the carts have beaten the grass down—and the caddies proceed on foot up the middle, carrying the putters. You then sit in the cart while the caddy examines the lie for the second shot, finally announcing "Better bring a four and five iron," or whatever it may be. You step out with the selected clubs and thereafter it becomes a sort of time and motion study: whether or not you walk back to the cart and drive to the green—or more likely, right round the asphalt path at the back of it to park beside the next tee—or whether to get the caddy to drive the cart while you save a few paces by walking to the green.

Just as there are horses for courses, so there are courses for carts. The desert flatness, the tough grass and the "playground" atmosphere in general made Thunderbird ideal. At home, I do breathe it, the Old course at St. Andrews springs readily to mind, as do Hoylake and Carnoustie. On the other hand the casualties on the Brighton road on August Bank Holiday would be nothing beside the upsides to be expected in the precipitous sandhills of the next week were the President's Putter to become motorised.

NEW RULES

In this tournament, incidentally, your correspondent seemed destined to form with the Director-General of the BBC the very first pair to play under the new Rules, which come into force today. Unfortunately my distinguished opponent has been compelled to scratch, thus relieving me of a difficult decision—whether to play a "customer's game," or to reveal for the first time the whole secret of golf, which came to me in the night about three weeks ago.

Whatever might be the views of the Royal and Ancient upon them, cost alone will probably prohibit the use of electric carts in this country. On the other hand there is a single-seater, or "pony," variety for which a limited number of import licences might be granted by an indulgent President of the Board of Trade—for the use of the Press. These are made by a member of the Thunderbird Club whose house as yet unfinished, has cost rather more than half a million dollars and contains 1½ miles of subterranean copper wire, a mile or two of which heats the paving slabs beside the swimming pool when they are too cold and cools them when they are too hot.

To follow the Ryder Cup matches on one of these uplifted little steeds, whizzing from one match to the other, zigzagging between the palm trees and nipping back to the main scoreboard, revealed to us a luxury hitherto undreamed of by the professional watcher. No longer could we complain that we couldn't see two places at once. Thus mounted it seemed that you could be in ten places at once—provided you run out of volts.

Russia Proposes
New Sports
Exchanges

Moscow. Soviet sports leaders have sent proposals to New York for exchanges in track and field athletics between the two countries in 1956.

This was disclosed by Mikhail Peslyak, deputy chairman of the Soviet Government sports committee, in an interview here.

Mr. Peslyak said the committee also planned to invite a team of American divers to come to Russia in May and an American hockey team at the end of 1956.

It was "more or less" agreed that Soviet weightlifters would go to the United States in February in return for a visit by American weightlifters to Moscow and Leningrad last June.

Consideration was also being given to a contest between American and Soviet free-style wrestlers in February or March.

Mr. Peslyak said the latest Soviet proposals had been sent to Dan Ferris, secretary of the American Amateur Athletic Union.

The new invitations appear to suggest that the Russians want to encourage sports links with the United States as well as other Western countries despite the failure of the Geneva foreign ministers' conference to settle the problem of East-West contacts.—China Mail Special.

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DOCTORS, NUNS WINNING
LEPROSY
BATTLE

By John Stackhouse

Suva, Jan. 9.

On Fiji's coral-fringed Makogai Island, where lepers from many parts of the South Pacific come for treatment, a handful of doctors and nuns are winning a fight against one of mankind's most dreaded scourges—leprosy.

New drugs, developed only in the last few years, have brought hope to native peoples who once faced a lifetime of exile and a rotting decline.

Now, the time that lepers spend on the peaceful, industrious island of Makogai will at once ensure their recovery of good health and improve their chances when they return to their own people to resume normal life.

After World War I, leprosy was only too common a disease in Fiji, and indeed in the countless other tropical islands of the South Pacific.

Lingering Death

Official figures showed that about 2,250 persons in every 1,000 then suffered from the disease, although health experts reckoned that the figure was five times as large. Leprosy then meant a lingering painful death, far from home.

Many sufferers preferred to stay near their own villages and die close to their own people.

But as conditions on Makogai improved, the usefulness of treatment became more strongly established, and the chances of cure became more certain, the opposition to segregation died out.

Today, an unofficial report notes: "Only a very small proportion of the population of Fiji falls to the medical and advice and it is found that comparatively few cases reach an advanced stage. There is much less chance of their having infected other people."

Grim Settlement

"Prejudice, compounded mainly of ignorance and fear, has largely broken down. Patients realise that they benefit themselves at least as much as the community by coming to Makogai and they understand the value of early treatment. Patients frequently ask for examinations of their relatives in case of possible infection."

Makogai, an island roughly 2½ miles in length, is in the middle of the Fiji group. Colonial officials turned this lovely little tropical island into a grim leper settlement in 1911. A sudden rise in the incidence of leprosy followed the British Government's termination of the Fijian way of dealing with lepers — by brutally clubbing them to death, or hanging them upside down over a smoking fire.

Selfless Devotion

The number of patients there today is 688, including 417 from Fiji.

Under the medical superintendence, Dr W. H. McDonald, MBE, work 18 missionary sisters of the Society of Mary and 10 Fijian sisters. A Fiji Government publication pays special tribute to the nuns.

"Much of the success attained at Makogai is undoubtedly due to their efficiency, versatility and selfless devotion," the report notes.

Following their success in Fiji, other British colonies have drawn on the experience of the white-cowled sisters and the society played a large part in establishing a leper colony in the West Indies and the Solomon Islands.

On Makogai, each of the national groups lives in its own village, with its own headman. The worst sufferers are kept in hospital, but the able-bodied patients, who include nearly all the men on the island, are kept usefully employed to escape boredom.

Chances Excellent

Some garden, fish and keep livestock while others work at trades, building or road-making. This makes the colony largely self-supporting. All those who work get paid—and paid quite well by local standards. They can shop at the island's co-operative store.

A number of children on the island are also under treatment. They go to school and have a better chance of education than they would normally have in some of their villages. Luckily, modern methods can prevent the ulcers and mutilation of leprosy, so many of the children look absolutely normal. Their chances of a complete recovery are excellent.

Waiting For
A Genie

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By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

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Laos, 8 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
USA, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Noon.
Formosa, USA, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indo-China, Thailand, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
N. Borneo, Noon.
Macao, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Canada, 9 a.m.

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany and Great Britain, Noon.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pekinan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 7 p.m. and Reg. 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

By Surface
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 2 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
By Air
East Africa, P.E. Africa, S. Africa, IN, S. Rhodesia, and Mozambique, P/P via L. Marques, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

By Surface
Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan and Canada, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Burma, N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

A rubi on Aladdin's lamp should conjure up a genie ready to make wishes come true. Seen waiting his arrival are comedian Dave King (Wishes Wishes), 26-year-old Cardiff-born Valerie Lawson (Aladdin) left, and singer Alma Cogan (guest star). They are pictured at a rehearsal for the pantomime "Aladdin" which opened at the Chislewick Empire, London. This is Valerie's fourth year as principal boy. She made her first appearance on the stage in Tommy Trinder's show "Top of the World" at the Palladium.—Reutersphoto.

Old Customer
Not Forgotten

Napier, Jan. 9.
A London firm wrote to the Hawkes Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society reminding them that the firm formerly struck medals for the society, and suggesting a resumption of business.

"Possibly during the war years the question of medals lapsed," the letter said.

Research by the society revealed which war the letter referred to—the Boer War, which ended more than half a century ago.—China Mail Special.

St Benedict's Remains
Returned
To Montecassino

Montecassino, Italy, Jan. 9.

The remains of Saint Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Order, and of his sister, Saint Scholastica, have returned, after five years, to their original resting place below the High Altar of the now rebuilt Church of Montecassino Abbey.

This sprawling Benedictine Abbey, perched on a 1,703 foot high hill above the town of Cassino, has been rebuilt after its destruction by bombing and shelling in one of the most famous battles of the Italian campaign in World War II.

The Abbey was founded 1,400 years ago, but none of the buildings destroyed during the war was more than 300 years old.

The remains of the two Saints, among the most valuable relics possessed by the Catholic Church, were found on August 1, 1950, during the rebuilding.

Silver Caskets

Last year, a procession of monks, headed by Monsignor Giuseppe Placido M. Nicolini, Bishop of Assisi and Primate of the 11,800 Benedictines throughout the world, carried the relics to the new church from an entombment in the Abbey where they had been kept provisionally.

The remains of the Saints were sealed in two silver caskets which, in turn, were placed in a bronze urn richly decorated with silver.

The Abbots present taking part in the rites asked their souls on the urn and lowered it into the crypt, which was their original resting place.

It was then covered by a big marble slab engraved with the dates 1950 and 1955.

Alabaster Urn

Monsignor Ildefonso Ren, Abbot of Montecassino, celebrated Mass at the end of the ceremony.

Saint Benedict of Norcia, in the Abruzzi mountains of central Italy, was about 70 years old when he died around 550 A.D. He founded the Abbey of Montecassino in 529.

His sister died in 543 after ruling a convent near Montecassino under Saint Benedict's direction.

Their relics were found in 1950 in an alabaster urn bearing the inscription "The sacred bones and ashes of Saints Benedict and Scholastica, August 7, 1050."

The inscription commemorated the previous identification of the relics.

Within the alabaster urn was a casket of decayed cypress wood. This, in turn, contained a casket of lead, securely sealed, bearing on the lid simply the two names: "Benedict and Scholastica."

The lead casket was divided into two parts, the one containing bones, the other ashes.

University professors from Naples and Rome minutely analysed the casket and relics. Their report said that the bones were those of a man and a woman.

The man appeared to have been tall, of advanced age, with strong vigorous hands accustomed to the hard work that Saint Benedict advocated for all his followers. The woman appeared to have been small and slight.

Both skeletons were incomplete, as though relics had been removed at one time or another. But both, the report said, showed indisputable proof of having remained throughout the centuries in the casket bearing their names.

Moreover, the man's relics fitted with a bone of Saint Benedict given centuries ago to another monastery and now restored to the monks of Montecassino.—China Mail Special.

Anglo-Spanish
Relations
Improve

Madrid, Jan. 9.

Spanish sources here express satisfaction at the recent improvement in relations between Spain and Britain.

Differences of opinion concerning Gibraltar had kept relations cool during the past two years, but now, apparently, it has been decided to leave the subject in the background for the time being.

Reasons for this change are seen here as both international and commercial. Spain does not wish her relations with the West to be limited to her close collaboration with the United States.

Marred

Spain's relations with France are marred by disagreement over Morocco. With Germany, there is a certain tepidness, due partly to German resentment over Spanish seizure of German property after World War II and to a certain hesitation in German political circles about becoming closely associated with a regime once friendly with Hitler.

Italy and Spain get along fairly well, but Spanish observers claim that Italy resents Spain's present friendship and influence with the Arab nations—a role which Italy herself played for several decades.

Spain, therefore, tends to turn to Britain. She hopes eventually to persuade Britain to leave the Gibraltar base in the way the United States has done, but in the meantime she appears to be prepared to place the issue in the background.

Best Customer

Commercially, Britain is Spain's best customer. Not only does she buy hundreds of thousands of tons of oranges, but, in 1954, including visitors disembarking from cruise liners, 221,120 British tourists visited Spain.

Spain earns something like £30,000,000 a year from trade with Britain, plus the impulse given to her economy by several hundred thousand British visitors each year.

Observers here see pointers to improved relations in the following recent events:

The first visit of the British navy for two years, when the aircraft carrier "Triumph" and the frigate Venus visited Barcelona.

Settlement

The practice of the former Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, at a luncheon at the Spanish Embassy in London; The settlement of a demand for improved pay by Spanish workers in Gibraltar; Mr. Mallory, British Ambassador to Madrid, to the Spanish side of Morocco at a time when Moroccan affairs are much in the news.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



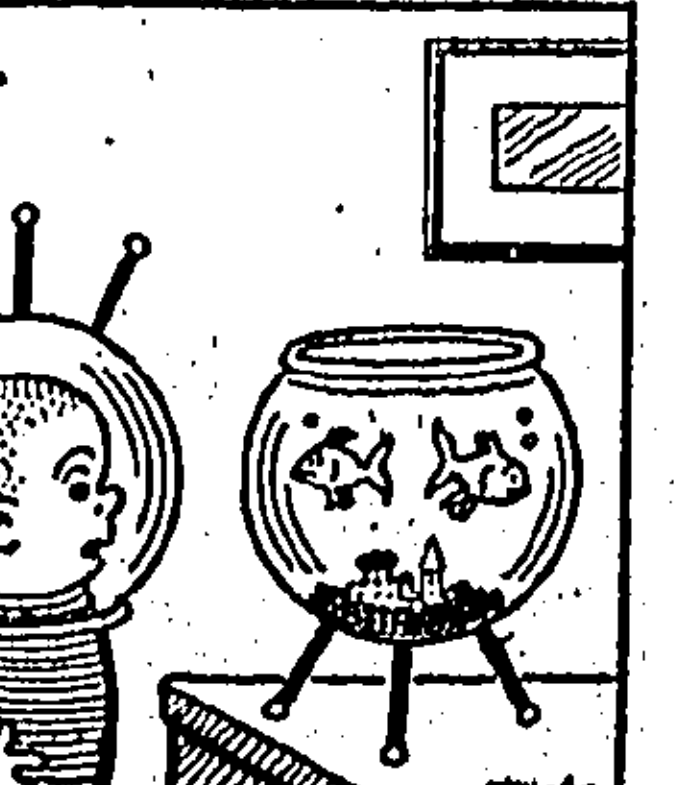
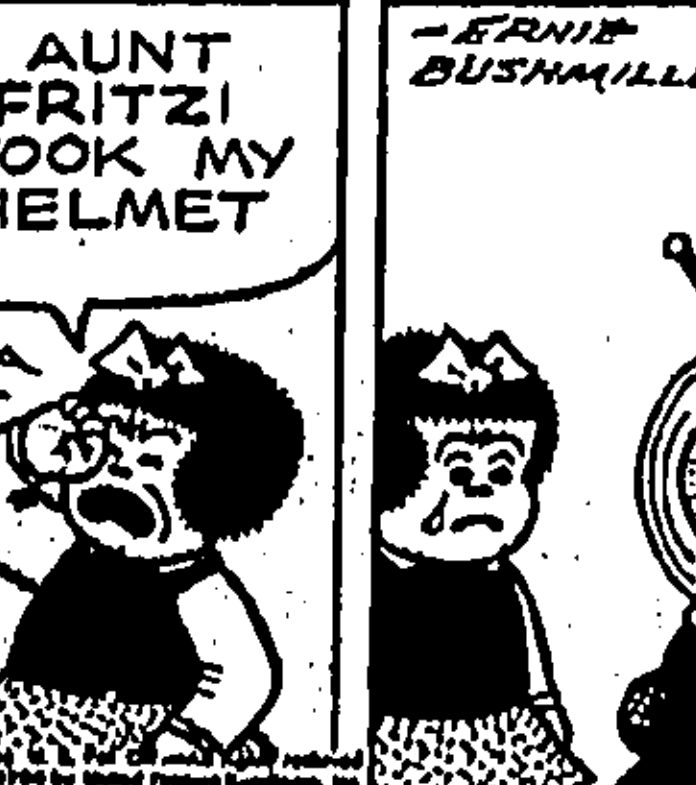
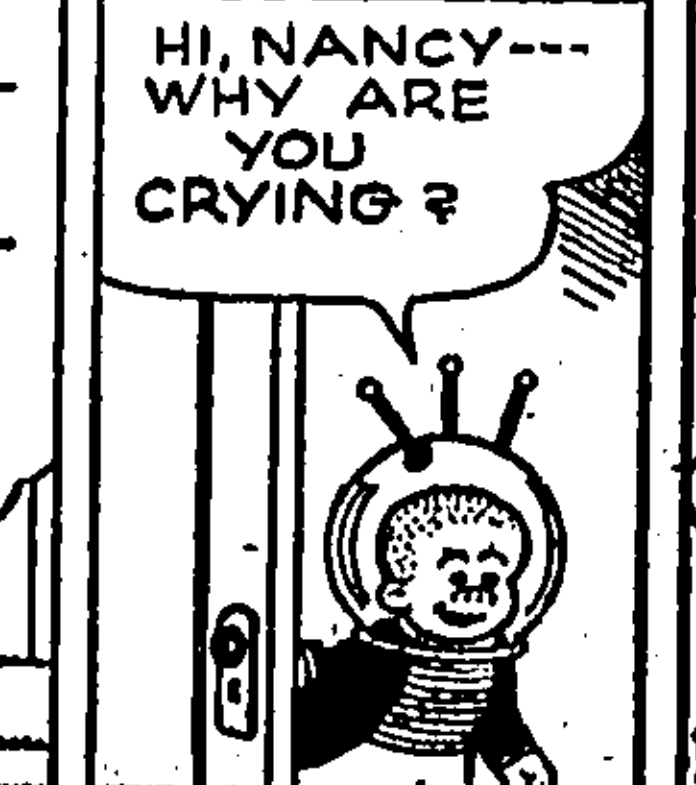
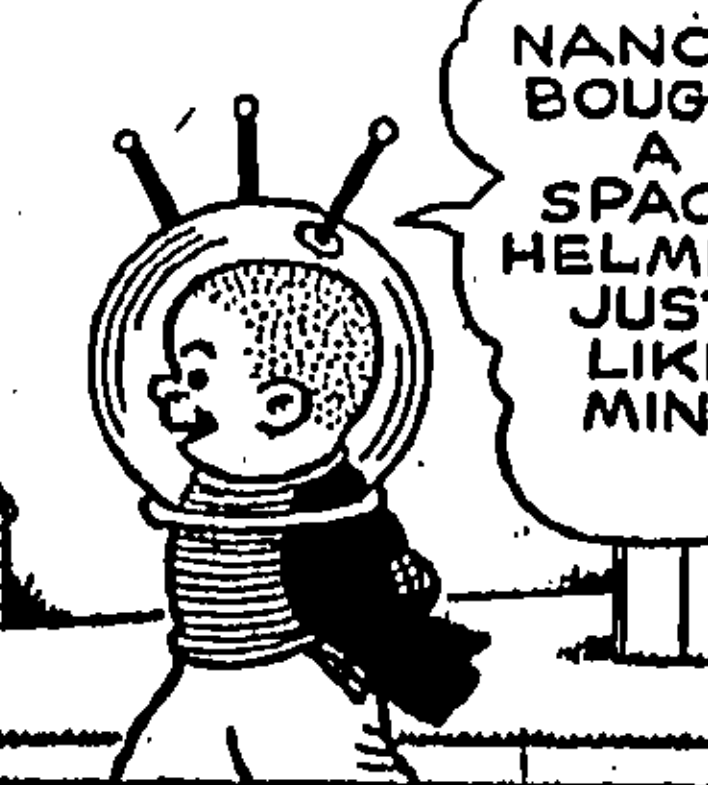
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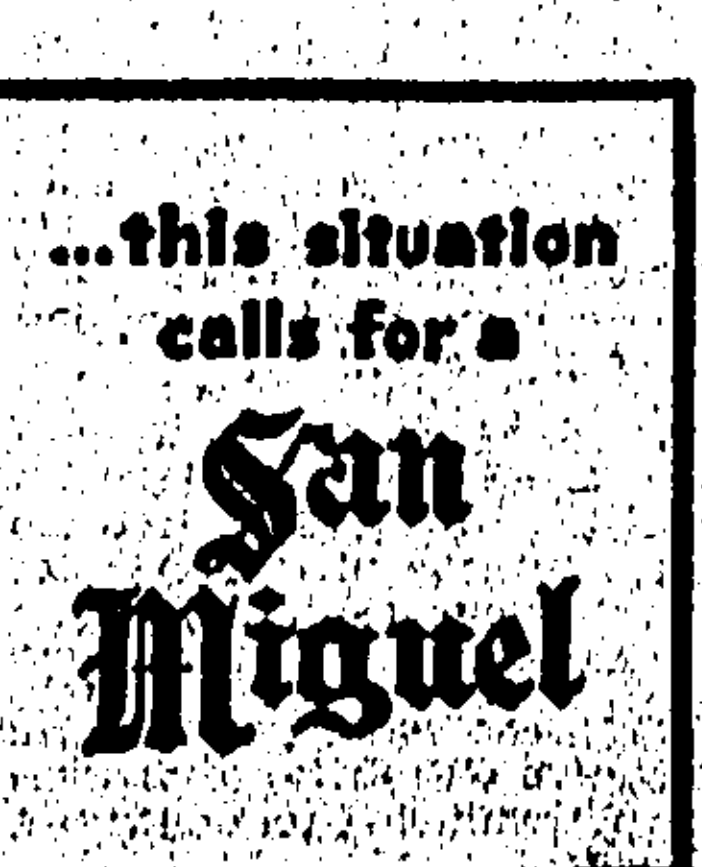
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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

In The
Park

IT was mid-evening, and the part of the park that the constable was patrolling was as dark as a country field. You half expected to hear country sounds—the stirring of cattle, a farm dog's barking, church bells—reaching out from the inky distance, though in fact there was only the hum of traffic.

As he walked, the constable's attention was suddenly caught by a curious sight, which at first he found hard to explain.

From a foot or two above the ground, there descended every few moments a small shower of what might have been highly localised snow, or the pale product of a human candle whose manufacturer had missed out important ingredients.

A SNACK

CAUTIOUSLY, quietly, the policeman moved closer to the phenomenon. At last he saw what it was. Each snowflake flurry was a handful of peanut shells, scattered abroad by a hand as black as the night.

A serious-looking, immaculately dressed coloured man named Walter, was enjoying an *al fresco* snack.

The policeman went up to him. "Excuse me, sir," he said, "didn't you know that it's an offence to deposit litter on the ground like this?" He waved a hand towards the patch of shells about Walter's feet.

"So what?" Walter asked, and peeled himself another nut.

PLENTY OF TROUBLE

HE threw the shell after the others. "Now look here," said the officer. "What do you think I am?" Walter asked him. "Stow it, won't you?"

"Will you please stop throwing those shells about?"

"No," Walter said. "Then you'd better give me your name and address," the officer said, and pulled out his notebook.

"I'm not giving no name and address," Walter said. "We'll go to the police station if you like. I'll get you into plenty of trouble over this when we get there."

The policeman escorted him to the police station.

THE LITTER BIN

AT Marlborough Street, Walter pleaded guilty to the charge of "depositing litter elsewhere than in the receptacle provided," not guilty to having failed to give his name and address to the policeman.

The officer went into the witness-box and told his story to Mr. K. Barnaclough, the magistrate.

"I explained the offence at great length to this man," he said, "and pointed out to him that there was a receptacle for litter nine feet from where he stood. I asked him three times for his name and address, and each time he declined to give it."

UGHT TO KNOW BETTER

"WHAT do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Walter.

Walter beat a small tattoo on the dock-rail with the kid-gloves he carried, and shrugged his shoulders under the beautifully-cut grey overcoat he wore. "I got nothing to say," he said.

"How long have you been in this country?" the magistrate asked.

"Seven years."

"Well, you ought to know better than to go and make a mess in Hyde Park," said the magistrate. "Pay 20s. on each of these charges, and don't let anything like this happen again."

Walter nodded and left, paid his fines, and departed to mingle in the busy streets with the natives of this land, whose habits regarding the disposal of litter are, of course, unexceptionable.

TO TEST FIRE
POWER

Philadelphia, Jan. 9. The world's first guided missile cruiser, the USS Boston, has left here on a two-week cruise to test her fire power. The converted heavy cruiser has two launchers near the stern, capable of firing up to eight "hedgehog" missiles a minute.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The pound was overcrowded, Mom, so we picked out this dog! You won't be cruel to animals and make us take him back, will you?"

HAMMARSKJOELD
UPSETS THE US

New York, Jan. 9.

The United States is expected to make a strong protest tomorrow over an offer by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, to transmit questions about human rights to the Chinese Communist government which is not recognised by the world organisation.

Mr Ekok Schwelb, Deputy Director of the Division of Human Rights, told the sub-committee on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities today that enquiries had already been sent to the Chinese Nationalist government.

Mr Charles D. Ammon, of the Lebanon, the special rapporteur, who prepared them, had also asked that they be sent to the mainland government, but Mr Hammarskjöld "had not been able to accede to the special rapporteur's request," Mr Schwelb said.

But Mr Schwelb added that the Secretary-General did not wish to prevent any enquiries being made which Mr Ammon might consider desirable.

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Libel Action Against
US News Agency

DAMAGES SUIT BY
SHIP'S CAPTAIN

An action for alleged libel contained in a newspaper article, brought by Mr James M. Hood, Master Mariner, against The Associated Press, of Windsor House, began before Mr James Wicks and a Special Jury in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff claims that by reason of the publication complained of, he has suffered a loss of earnings at the rate of \$2,000 per month and in addition subsistence allowance at the rate of \$500 per month.

He is claiming special damages for loss of earnings and subsistence allowance at the rate of \$2,500 per month from November 15, 1951, and for general damages.

Plaintiff's claim is for damages for libel contained in an article headed "Sailors on blockade runner mutiny, take ship to Taiwan," and published in the Hongkong Tiger Standard on August 10, 1951, defendants having in the said article printed and published or caused to be printed and published matter defamatory of the plaintiff.

Appearing for the plaintiff is Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr Peter Mo.

Defendants are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr John Clifford, both on the instructions of Mr R. F. G. Dennis, of Messrs Brutton and Company.

A Special Jury of six men and a woman has been empanelled.

Outlining the case for the plaintiff, Mr Winter told the jury that this was a libel action. He said that as they all knew libel was a written statement defaming the character or reputation of a person.

Counsel said that any one whose reputation or character had been disparaged was entitled to come to court for two reasons: firstly, to get damages as compensation for injury caused him; and secondly, to show the world that the statements which had been made were untrue and should not be held against him in the future.

Counsel said that the actual facts were far from those that were published. Plaintiff would say that the vessel was seized by armed men and he himself was forced from the bridge into one of the foremen's cabins at pistol point and kept there under armed guard until the vessel arrived at Kaohsiung (Nationalist naval base in Southwestern Formosa) and that the expression contained in the report was never used.

Before he left the question of libel, Mr Winter said that it was unnecessary for the jury to consider what defendants might have meant by this publication. All that was necessary for them to consider was, what a reasonable man, knowing the circumstances of the publication, would understand to be the meaning of the words.

NOT A DEFENCE

Counsel said that defendants would say that they got the information from Nationalist sources. That was not a defence, Mr Winter argued, and they were relying on that solely in mitigation of damages.

"I say at once that the defendants are entirely responsible for all damages which flow from this publication and mitigation is no defence," Mr Winter said.

He said that when the jury considered this he would ask them to analyse the position in this way: "Here we have a vessel according to the official Nationalist sources, going to Red China, under charter to a Communist concern, and had been seized by the Nationalists. The manner of seizing without unbiased information is suspect from the word go."

Counsel asked the jury to consider the last sentence of the publication: "The crew were guests of honour at a big reception at Kaohsiung this morning at which they were hailed as patriots."

It was Counsel's submission that the defendants failed to realise the implications, or if they realised the implications, they were negligent in publishing this information to the newspaper, or they were recklessly indifferent to the matter before they took any steps to verify it.

He further submitted that defendants' manner in disseminating this information was no reason for minimizing damages if they failed to take all precautions before publishing.

DAMAGES CLAIM

On the question of damages, Mr Winter said that plaintiff was claiming at the rate of \$2,000 a month from November 15, 1951, the date up to which he was paid by the owners of the Capella, but since that date he had not been able to get a job on any sea going vessel on account of this alleged libel.

Plaintiff also claimed general damages, which Counsel submitted he was entitled to, for the fact that plaintiff had recovered damages from another Press agency and certain other newspapers on account of libel somewhat similar to the one the jury was now considering.

Counsel said that they admitted having recovered damages, but it was his submission it was not for or against the plaintiff because it had been said in court of law many times that a plaintiff was entitled to recover damages in every case in which he had been libelled. Hearing is proceeding.

Thieves Active

Three cases of larceny from the person in Kowloon and two in Hongkong were reported to the Police yesterday.

In Kowloon, a pickpocket stole \$27 in cash from a school boy in Jordan Road. A Chinese woman walking in Castle Peak Road had her ear-rings, valued at \$10, snatched by a thief. A pickpocket stole \$50 from a Chinese waiting at a bus-stop in Nathan Road, in the Tsimshatsui district. No arrests were made.

On Hongkong Island, a thief tried to steal cash from the pocket of an American sailor at Ararat Street, in the Eastern District. A man is being held by the Police in connection with this offence.

A pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese woman passenger on board a tramcar in Queen's Road Central.

Radio Hongkong

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